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A. Article 15 - Obligations of Private Individuals and of Employees, and Relevant Penalties – Amendment to Article 24 of the Migration Code [in effect]

Article 24 of the Migration Code (Law 5038/2023, A' 81), regarding the obligations of individuals and of employees, and relevant penalties, is hereby amended as follows: (a) in paragraph 4, (aa) in the first sentence, the words “for up to ten (10) years”, which are placed after the word “imprisonment,” are deleted, and (ab) in the second sentence, the word “habitually” is replaced by the words “is a member of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which is enrolled in the Registry of Greek and Foreign NGOs referred to in Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners (Law 4939/2022, A' 111)”; (b) in paragraph 5, (ba) in the first sentence, the words “one (1) year” are replaced by the words “two (2) years,” (bb) in the second sentence, the words “imprisonment of at least two (2) years shall be imposed” are replaced by the words “shall be punished by imprisonment of at least three (3) years,” (bc) a new, third, sentence is added; (c) paragraph 6 is replaced; (d) new paragraphs numbered 8 and 9 are added, and Article 24 is formulated as follows:

“Article 24

Obligations of Private Individuals and of Employees – Penalties

1. It is prohibited to lease real estate to a third-country national who does not possess a passport or other travel document recognized by international conventions and a valid entry visa or valid residence permit.

2. A fine ranging from one thousand five hundred (1,500) euros to three thousand (3,000) euros shall be imposed, by decision of the Secretary of the relevant Decentralised Administration, on persons who violate paragraph 1.

3. A fine of one hundred fifty (150) euros shall be imposed on persons who submit declarations or certificates which are provided for in the present Law and in the regulatory acts issued by delegation and are inaccurate, as well as on third-country nationals who hold a residence permit but who perform salaried work, or provide services, or carry out a project, or engage in self-employment, without the required residence permit or the required authorization to access the labour market, as applicable.

4. Any person who facilitates the entry into, or exit from, Greek territory of a third-country national who has not undergone the check provided for in Article 5 shall be punished by imprisonment and a fine of at least twenty thousand (20,000) euros. If the person acted for profiteering or by profession¹, or is a member of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which is enrolled in the Registry of Greek and Foreign NGOs referred to in Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners (Law 4939/2022, A' 111), or if the crime is committed by two (2) or more persons acting in concert, an imprisonment of at least ten (10) years as well as a fine of at least fifty thousand (50,000) euros shall be imposed.

5. Any person who facilitates the illegal stay of a third-country national or obstructs police authorities' investigations which aim at the detection, arrest, and deportation, of the third-country national shall be punished by imprisonment for at least two (2) years and a fine of at least five thousand (5,000) euros. If the person acted for profiteering, they shall be punished by imprisonment for at least three (3) years and a fine of at least ten thousand (10,000) euros. If the act is committed by profession or by a member of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which is enrolled in the Registry of Greek and Foreign NGOs referred to in Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners, an imprisonment of up to ten (10) years and a fine of at least twenty thousand (20,000) euros shall be imposed. The above-mentioned penalties apply also to any person who invites persons to Greek territory by issuing a "Business Invitation", in accordance with Article 7(8), with the intent to violate migration legislation, and the applicable EU provisions of the Schengen acquis which concern the entry and residence of third-country nationals.¹

6. (a) Any person who unlawfully possesses or uses a genuine passport, or other travel document, of another person shall be punished by imprisonment for at least three (3) years and a fine of at least ten thousand (10,000) euros. The same penalty shall apply to any person who possesses or uses a forged passport or other forged travel document.

(b) Any person who unlawfully withholds a passport, or other travel document, of another person, or refuses to surrender it to the competent authority shall be punished by imprisonment for at least one (1) year and a fine of at least three thousand (3,000) euros.

(c) If the offender referred to in points (a) and (b) acted for profiteering or by profession, or is a member of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which is enrolled in the Registry of Greek and Foreign NGOs referred to in Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners, an imprisonment of up to ten (10) years as well as a fine of at least fifty thousand (50,000) euros shall be imposed.

7. Any travel agency manager or migration agents manager, or any other person, who submits to the competent authority, on behalf of a third party, supporting documents for the issuance of a travel document which contain information which does not correspond to that person's identity, shall be punished by imprisonment for at least one (1) year and a fine of at least ten thousand (10,000) euros. The same penalty shall apply also to the person on whose behalf the supporting documents are submitted. By decision of the relevant Regional Governor, the agency's operating license shall also be suspended for three months and, in the event of a repeat offense, permanently revoked.

8. If the alleged offender of the criminal acts referred to in paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 is a member of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which is enrolled in the Registry of Greek and Foreign NGOs referred to in Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners, the Minister of Migration and Asylum may issue, after criminal proceedings are initiated against the alleged offender, a decision in which the liability of the NGO's leadership for the relevant acts committed is established and, thus, order the removal of the relevant NGO from the aforementioned Registry. Re-enrolment of the NGO in the Registry is possible, upon the NGO's request, only after the alleged offender has been irrevocably acquitted.

¹ *Translator's Note:* In the context of the present Law, the term "by profession" is a literal translation of the Greek term «κατ' επάγγελμα» and is used throughout the English text to denote that the person acted on a regular basis for financial gain.

9. If the alleged offender of the criminal acts referred to in paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the present Article is a third-country national who is lawfully residing in the country with a permanent residence permit or with a certificate confirming the filing of an application for the issuance or renewal of a residence permit, in accordance with the present Code, their permanent residence permit may be revoked, or the application for the issuance or renewal of the residence permit may be rejected on grounds of public order and security, subject to the other provisions of the present Code.”

B. Article 16 - Obligations and Penalties Imposed on Carriers – Amendment to Article 25 of the Migration Code [in effect]

Article 25 of the Migration Code (Law 5038/2023, A’ 81), regarding the obligations of those who transport third-country nationals, and the penalties, is hereby amended as follows: (a) in paragraph 1, (aa) in point (a), the words “for up to ten (10) years”, which are placed after the word “imprisonment,” are deleted; (ab) in point (b), (i) the words “, or by profession or habitually” are replaced by the words “or by profession,” and (ii) after the word “agent,” the words “or is a member of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which is enrolled in the Registry of Greek and Foreign NGOs referred to in Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners (Law 4939/2022, A’ 111)” are added; (b) in paragraph 6, the words “Law 4939/2022 (A’ 111)” are replaced by the words “Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners”; (c) paragraph 8 is replaced; (d) in paragraph 10, (da) in the first sentence, the words “as well as of paragraphs 4, 5, and 7 of Article 24” are replaced by the words “as well as of paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article 24,” (db) in the third sentence, the words “of Article 310” are replaced by the words “of Article 311,” (dc) a fifth sentence is added; (e) in paragraph 11, the words “paragraphs 4, 5, and 7” are replaced by the words “paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7”, and Article 25 is formulated as follows:

“Article 25

Obligations of Carriers – Penalties

1. Shipmasters, or skippers of a ship, vessel or aircraft, and drivers of any type of means of transport, transporting, from abroad to Greece, third-country nationals who are not entitled to enter Greek territory or whose entry is banned for any reason, the persons who collect them from the points of entry, the external borders or the internal borders, so that they transport them into the country or to the territory of another European Union Member State or of a third country, or the persons who facilitate their transport or provide them with accommodation for the purpose of concealment, shall be punished:

- a. by imprisonment and a fine ranging from thirty thousand (30,000) to sixty thousand (60,000) euros for each person transported,
- b. by imprisonment for at least ten (10) years and a fine ranging from sixty thousand (60,000) to one hundred thousand (100,000) euros for each person transported, if the offender acts for profiteering or by profession, or is a repeat offender, or is a public official, or is a tourism, shipping, or travel agent, or is a member of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which is enrolled in the Registry of Greek and Foreign NGOs referred to in Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners (Law 4939/2022, A’ 111), or if the offenders are (2) or more and act in concert,
- c. by imprisonment for at least fifteen (15) years and a fine of at least two hundred thousand (200,000) euros for each person transported, if the act may endanger human life,

d. by imprisonment for life and a fine of at least seven hundred thousand (700,000) euros for each person transported, if in the context of point (c) a death occurred.

2. Shipmasters, or skippers of a ship, vessel or aircraft, and drivers of any type of means of transport, are obliged not to accept to transport persons who do not possess the required travel documents or have not undergone the standard police check. Violators shall be punished in accordance with paragraph 1. The above-mentioned criminal act shall be deemed committed, in the case of (means of) sea or air transport, provided that the person who boarded illegally is found on board at the start of the check which the competent state authorities carried out prior to, or after, the departure of the ship or the take-off of the aircraft, and, in the case of other means of transport, provided that the person departing illegally is found on board during the final exit check or during a check in proximity of the borders. The penalties referred to in paragraph 3 shall apply also to the persons referred to herein.

3. Airline or shipping companies, as well as any other natural or legal person performing any form of public transportation of persons, are obliged not to accept to transport, and are also obliged to take all measures preventing transportation from abroad to Greece, of third-country nationals who: (a) do not possess the necessary valid passports or other valid travel documents and entry visa, where such documents must be obtained prior to the arrival of the third-country nationals in the country, unless the conditions of Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No. 810/2009 in conjunction with Article 6(5)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 are met; or (b) possess passports, or other travel documents, bearing obvious signs of forgery or falsification. By decision of the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority, a fine ranging from five thousand (5,000) euros to thirty thousand (30,000) euros for each person transported shall be imposed on airlines, as well as on any other natural or legal person transporting persons by air, violating the above-mentioned obligation. On shipping companies, as well as on any other natural or legal person providing public transportation of persons by waterborne means of transport, the above fine shall be imposed by decision of the police authority which is locally competent to carry out checks on persons entering or leaving Greek territory, in accordance with Article 5(2). On road transport companies, as well as on any other natural or legal person performing public road transportation of persons, the above-mentioned fine shall be imposed by decision of the Secretary of the Decentralised Administration within the administrative boundaries of which the violation occurred.

In the event of a repeat offense within the same calendar year, the above-mentioned fines may, by decision of the relevant competent authority, be doubled, but in no case may they exceed the amount of thirty thousand (30,000) euros. The above-mentioned fines shall be imposed on natural persons performing any form of public transportation, or exclusively on the legal person of the aforementioned airlines, shipping companies or carriers, as well as on the persons referred to in Article 50(1) of Law 4987/2022 (A' 206), who are jointly and severally liable. The above-mentioned fine shall not be imposed on legal or natural persons who demonstrate that they have taken adequate preventive measures to ensure that third-country nationals on board do not fall under points (a) and (b). In particular, it is required that appropriate measures be taken to inform passengers, prior to boarding, regarding the travel documents required for their lawful entry into Greece; that passengers be registered, upon boarding, in the passenger lists by use of the details contained in their travel documents; and that passenger lists be communicated to the competent airport, port, and customs, authorities. Decisions imposing fines under the present provision are subject to administrative appeal before the Minister of Infrastructure and Transport and the Minister of Citizen Protection, respectively, within thirty (30) days of their notification. In the event of a partial annulment, a fine shall be imposed, which cannot be less than the half of the minimum stipulated amount.

4. The persons referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, as well as travel agencies and owners of means of transport, are jointly and severally liable for the living expenses and the refoulement costs of the aforementioned persons. The same liability applies also to those who guaranteed the repatriation of a third-country national if conditions for entry or stay in the

country were violated. The procedure for assessing and paying the aforementioned fine shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Public Revenue Collection Code (Law 4978/2022, A' 190).

5. The persons referred to in the first sentence of paragraph 1, or the owners of the means of transport, or their representatives in Greece, are obliged to hand in to the passport control police authorities, immediately upon the arrival of the means of transport, the arrival forms, or the lists, of the passengers who are third-country nationals and whom they transport to or from Greece. They have the same obligation upon the arrival of non-scheduled flights from third countries.

6. The above-mentioned sanctions shall not apply in cases of people rescued at sea, in cases of transport of persons who are in need of international protection in accordance with the requirements of international law, as well as in cases of internal relocation within the country or facilitation of transport, for the purpose of subjecting such persons to the procedures set out in Article 83 of Law 3386/2005 (A' 212) or in Article 42 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners following notification by the competent police and port authorities.

7. Article 254 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Law 4620/2019, A' 122) applies also to the criminal acts provided for in Article 24 and in the present Article, regardless of whether the conditions of Articles 187 and 187A of the Penal Code apply.

8. Upon conviction for the criminal acts referred to herein as well as in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article 24, the sentence shall not be suspended or commuted in any way, and any appeal filed shall not have suspensive effect. Article 24(8) applies *mutatis mutandis* to the criminal acts provided for in the present Article.

9. The Single-Judge Court of Appeal has jurisdiction over the felonies provided for in paragraph 1, with the exception of the felony provided for in point (d), as well as over the felonies provided for in Article 24, and the procedure provided for in Article 309 of the Code of Criminal Procedure applies.

10. Property which is the proceeds of the criminal activity referred to in the present Article, as well as in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article 24, or which was acquired in any manner from the proceeds of such criminal activity, or property which was used in whole or in part, or was intended to be used, in the commission of the aforementioned criminal activity, shall be seized and may be confiscated by a conviction, if it belongs to the principal offender or to any of the accomplices. If the court, *ex officio* or upon the request of a party to the case or of a third party, determines that the confiscation to be imposed on the convicted person would deprive the convicted person or third parties – particularly their family – of property necessary for their livelihood and that there is a risk of causing them excessive and irreparable harm, it shall not impose such confiscation. The return of property to its owner shall be carried out in accordance with Article 311(2) and Article 373 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. If the property, or the proceeds, referred to in the first sentence exceed(s) four thousand (4,000) euros and cannot be seized, assets of a value equal to that of the aforementioned property or proceeds shall be seized and confiscated under the conditions set out in the same sentence. Furthermore, any type of residence permit which the competent Greek authorities have granted to the convicted person shall be revoked as a result of the same conviction.

11. The present Article and paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Article 24 shall also apply where the criminal acts provided for therein were committed abroad by a Greek or foreign national, even if such acts are not criminal acts under the laws of the country in which they were committed."

II. Law 5307/2026 of 11 June 2026: Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum, other provisions of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, and other urgent provisions.

A. Article 114 - Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations and Registry of NGO Members² [in effect]

1. The Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations shall operate within the Non-Governmental Organisations Registry Unit of the General Secretariat for the Reception of Asylum Seekers of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum. The Registry shall contain the registrations carried out by the competent authority of all Greek and international voluntary organisations and civil society organisations that meet the minimum requirements necessary for participation in the implementation of activities relating to international protection, migration and social integration. Non-profit organisations, voluntary organisations and any other corresponding organisation, whether Greek or international, that is not registered in the Registry shall not be eligible to receive State or EU funding or to operate in any manner whatsoever within the structures of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum.

2. The minimum requirements and conditions for the registration of the Greek and international voluntary organisations and civil society organisations eligible for registration shall be as follows:

- (a) the express provision, among the purposes for which they were established, for the implementation of activities of a social and humanitarian nature, relating to international protection, migration or social integration;
- (b) the non-profit nature of the legal person applying for registration and the non-distribution of profits to its members and partners;
- (c) the absence of contracts of any kind with:
 - (ca) natural persons who participate in their governing bodies or are their members or partners exercising statutory control over them, as well as the spouses, children and parents of the aforementioned persons, or persons with whom such persons have entered into a civil partnership; and
 - (cb) legal persons controlled by the persons referred to in subparagraph (ca);
- (d) the absence of regular State grants exceeding thirty per cent (30%) of their operating budget, excluding their payroll costs, as well as loans guaranteed by the State. The requirement set out in the preceding sentence shall not apply where the grant does not exceed five thousand euros (€5,000) per year;
- (e) no criminal prosecution having been brought against the natural persons who exercise their management functions or are their legal representatives for any felony, and no final conviction having been issued against them for the misdemeanours of unlawful trafficking of third-country nationals, theft [Article 372 of the Penal Code (Law 4619/2019, A' 95)], embezzlement (Article 375 of the Penal Code), fraud (Article 386 of the Penal Code), extortion (Article 385 of the Penal Code), forgery (Article 216 of the Penal Code), forgery of certificates (Article 217 of the Penal Code), bribery (Article 236 of the Penal Code), breach of trust (Article 390 of the Penal Code), breach of duty (Article 259 of the Penal Code), false certification (Article 242 of the Penal Code), defamatory libel (Article 363 of the Penal Code), money laundering from criminal activities under Law 4557/2018 (A' 139), the misdemeanours referred to in Articles 187 and 187A of the Penal Code, offences under the legislation on weapons (Law 2168/1993, A' 147), offences under the legislation on narcotic drugs (Law 4139/2013, A' 74), as well as any misdemeanour falling under Chapter 19 of the Special Part of the Penal Code;
- (f) the preparation of detailed financial statements by statutory auditors, under the supervision of a person responsible for financial management or a Treasurer holding a

² **Authors Note:** Article 114 of Law 5307/2026 provides the legal basis for the NGO registry after Law 4939/2022 was repealed by Article 262 of Law 5307/2026 on 11 June 2026.

degree in economics from a recognised university, and the establishment of a full accountability mechanism for those responsible for implementing their activities;

- (g) compliance with their social security and tax obligations; and
- (h) the appointment and employment of a Data Protection Officer, responsible for ensuring the continuous compliance of the respective voluntary non-profit organisation with legislation on the protection of personal data, in accordance with Union and national law.

3. The decision referred to in paragraph 7 of Article 153 may lay down additional terms and conditions for the registration in the Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations of the Greek and international voluntary organisations and civil society organisations eligible for registration. The same or a similar decision shall lay down the procedural details concerning the establishment and maintenance of the Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations, provide for the procedure for issuing a public call for registration, specify the terms and conditions for the registration of eligible organisations in the Registry or provide for exemptions therefrom, and determine all necessary documents to be submitted in this regard, the conditions for maintaining their registration in the Registry, the time limits for the resubmission of the necessary documents, the procedure for removal from the Registry and the manner in which such removal shall be notified to the recipient, the publication of the Registry on the website of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum in order to ensure the necessary transparency, as well as any other relevant and necessary detail concerning the commencement of operation and the continued maintenance of the Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations.

4. A Registry of NGO Members operating in the fields of international protection, migration and social integration shall operate within the Non-Governmental Organisations Registry Unit of the Reception of Asylum Seekers of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum. The members, employees and associates of the organisations registered in the Registry referred to in paragraph 1 shall be entered and recorded therein. The registration and certification of such persons in the Registry shall constitute a prerequisite both for their activities within the Greek territory and for their cooperation with public-sector bodies.

5. The decision referred to in paragraph 7 of Article 153 shall lay down the procedures and supporting documents required for registration and certification in the Registry referred to in paragraph 4, the conditions for removal therefrom, and any other matter relating to the operation of the Registry.

III. Repealed provisions of Law 5275/2026 of 6 February 2026: Promotion of legal migration policies; transposition of Directive (EU) 2024/1233 on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State; amendments to the Migration Code; and other provisions (extracts).

A. Article 56 - Requirements for registration in the Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations and the Registry of Members of Non-Governmental Organizations of the General Secretariat for the Reception of Asylum Seekers of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum — Amendment to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners³ [repealed on 11 June 2026]

In Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners (Law 4939/2022, Government Gazette Issue A' 111/2022), regarding the Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations and the Registry of Members of Non-Governmental Organizations, the following amendments are hereby enacted: (a) In paragraph 1: aa) In the first sentence, the words "Special Secretariat for the Coordination of Involved Stakeholders" are replaced by the words "General Secretariat for the Reception of Asylum Seekers". ab) In the third sentence, the words "participates in the implementation of international protection, migration, and social integration actions within the Greek territory, and notably in the provision of legal, psychosocial, and medical services of par. 5 of Article 51, the provision of material reception conditions of par. 1 of Article 59, and the provision of information and briefing of Articles 70 and 74 of the present Code" are replaced by the words "receives state or European Union funding, or operates in any manner whatsoever within the facilities of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum". (b) In paragraph 2: ba) In case (c): i) In sub-case (ca), the words "or persons with whom they have entered into a cohabitation agreement" are added. ii) In sub-case (cb), the words "in return for remuneration or consideration under an onerous cause valued at an amount exceeding one thousand (1,000) euros annually" are deleted. bb) In case (d): The words "fifty percent (50%) of their operational budget" are replaced by the words "thirty percent (30%) of their operational budget, excluding their payroll costs,". bg) Case (e) is substituted in its entirety. (c) In the first sentence of paragraph 4: ga) The words "Special Secretariat for the Coordination of Involved Stakeholders" are replaced by the words "Reception of Asylum Seekers". gb) The words "of the aforementioned organizations operating in Greece" are replaced by the words "of the organizations listed in the registry of paragraph 1". Following the incorporation of the aforementioned legislative and technical refinements, Article 78 is formulated as follows:

"Article 78

Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Registry of Members of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

1. A Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) has been established and is operational within the NGO Registry Unit of the General Secretariat for the Reception of Asylum Seekers of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum. The enrolment of all Greek and international voluntary organizations, as well as Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) that satisfy the minimum necessary criteria for participating in the implementation of

³ *Authors Note:* Law 4939/2022, with amendments of 6 February 2026 by Law 5275/2026 Article 56 to Article 78, is abolished by Article 262 of Law 5307/2026 as adopted 11 June 2026.

actions related to international protection, migration, and social integration, is executed within this registry by the competent service. Non-profit organizations, voluntary organizations, and any corresponding domestic or international entity that has not successfully enrolled in the registry shall not be eligible to receive state or European Union funding, nor shall they be permitted to operate or execute activities in any manner whatsoever within the facilities of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum.

2. The minimum necessary terms and conditions for the registration of eligible Greek and international voluntary organizations and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are the following:

- (a) **Statutory Purpose:** The explicit provision within their constitutive charter designating as their objective the implementation of activities of a social and humanitarian nature, international protection, migration, or social integration.
- (b) **Non-Profit Character:** The non-profit status of the legal entity requesting registration and the strict non-distribution of profits to its members and partners.
- (c) **Prohibition of Conflicting Contracts (Anti-Nepotism / Conflict of Interest):** The non-conclusion of contracts of any kind with:
 - ca) Natural persons who participate in their governing bodies, or are members or partners holding statutory control over them, as well as spouses, children, and parents of the aforementioned persons, or persons with whom they have entered into a cohabitation agreement; and
 - cb) Legal entities that are controlled by the persons referred to in sub-case (ca).
- (d) **Financial Independence and State Funding Limits:** The non-receipt, on one hand of a regular state subsidy exceeding thirty percent (30%) of their operational budget, strictly excluding their payroll costs, and, on the other hand, of state-guaranteed loans. This condition shall not apply provided that the total subsidy does not exceed the amount of five thousand (€5,000) euros annually.
- (e) **Clean Criminal and Prosecution Record for Management:** The absence of active criminal prosecution for any felony against the natural persons exercising administration and/or serving as legal representatives of the organization, as well as the absence of a definitive (unappealable) convicting court decision for the misdemeanours of: illegal trafficking of third-country nationals, theft, embezzlement, fraud, extortion, forgery, forgery of certificates, bribery, breach of trust, breach of duty, false certification, malicious defamation, money laundering from criminal activities, misdemeanours under Articles 187 (criminal organization) and 187A (terrorist acts) of the Penal Code (Law 4619/2019, A' 95), the law on weapons, the law on narcotics, as well as any misdemeanour falling under Chapter 19 (Crimes Against Sexual Freedom and Crimes of Economic Exploitation of Sexual Life) of the Special Part of the Penal Code.
- (f) **Audited Financial Statements and Accountability:** The maintenance of detailed financial statements audited by certified public accountants, under the supervision of a financial management officer or a Treasurer holding a degree from an economics department of an accredited university, and the verification of a comprehensive accountability mechanism for those responsible for executing the organization's actions.
- (g) **Fiscal and Social Security Compliance:** The full fulfilment of their social security (insurance) and tax obligations.
- (h) **Data Protection:** The appointment and employment of a Data Protection Officer ("DPO"), tasked with ensuring the continuous compliance of the respective voluntary non-profit organization with personal data protection legislation, in accordance with applicable Regulations (GDPR).

3. By virtue of a Decision issued by the Minister of Migration and Asylum, additional terms and conditions may be prescribed for the enrolment of eligible Greek and

international voluntary organizations and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) within the Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). By means of an identical decision, the procedural details for the establishment and maintenance of the Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) shall be regulated; the procedure for a public invitation to register shall be provided for; the specific terms, prerequisites for enrolment, and the comprehensive set of necessary documentation to be submitted shall be detailed; the ongoing, long-term criteria for maintaining active registration status in the Registry, as well as the periodic timelines for resubmitting the required documents, shall be determined; the administrative process for removal (deletion) from the registry and the method of formal notification to the recipient entity shall be established; and the public disclosure of the registry via the official website of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum shall be mandated to ensure the necessary public transparency, alongside any other relevant and necessary detail for the operational launch and the long-term, continuous maintenance of the Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

4. A Registry of Members of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) operating in the fields of international protection, migration, and social integration has been established and is functional within the NGO Registry Unit of the Reception of Asylum Seekers of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum; the members, employees, and regular associates of the organizations enrolled in the registry of paragraph 1 shall be registered and catalogued therein. The successful enrolment of these natural persons in the Registry and their subsequent official certification constitute an indispensable pre-requisite both for their capacity to execute activities within the Hellenic territory and for their cooperation with public sector bodies.

5. By virtue of a Decision issued by the Minister of Migration and Asylum, the administrative procedures and supporting documentation required for enrolment and certification in the Members' Registry, the prerequisites and grounds for removal (deletion) therefrom, as well as any other necessary operational detail for the functionality of the said Registry, shall be determined."

IV. Regulatory Impact Assessment Analysis Explanatory Report to Law 5275/2026 of 6 February 2026: Promotion of legal migration policies; transposition of Directive (EU) 2024/1233 on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State; amendments to the Migration Code; and other provisions (extracts)

(selected parts relevant to articles 15, 16 and 56 of Law 5275/2026)

Below you may find selected parts of the Explanatory Report included in the Regulatory Impact Analysis that accompanied the draft law “Promotion of legal migration policies, transposition of Directive (EU) 2024/1233 concerning a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and concerning a common set of rights for workers from third countries legally residing in a Member State, amendments to the Migration Code, and other provisions” (later: Law 5275/2026).

The selected parts of the Explanatory Report are those relevant to articles 15, 16 and 56 of Law 5275/2026.

The full text of the Regulatory Impact Analysis is available in Greek [here](#).

Regulatory Impact Analysis

Title of the Regulation under review

“Promotion of legal migration policies, transposition of Directive (EU) 2024/1233 concerning a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and concerning a common set of rights for workers from third countries legally residing in a Member State, amendments to the Migration Code, and other provisions”

[...]

A. Explanatory Report

1. What issue does the regulation under assessment address?

[...] Furthermore, the oversight framework for Non-Governmental Organizations active in the fields of international protection, migration, and social inclusion is being restructured and tightened through the establishment of binding rules regarding registration, funding, prevention of conflicts of interest, and the criminal liability of their administrators.

2. Why is it a problem?

[...] 4. It is necessary to strengthen deterrence and the effectiveness of sanctions against conduct linked to illegal migration and to abuses that undermine the credibility of the legal residence system, in order to protect public order and avoid the distortion of legal admission and residence procedures.

[...] At the same time, the existing oversight framework for Non-Governmental Organizations operating in areas of heightened public sensitivity, does not provide sufficient guarantees regarding transparency, the prevention of conflicts of interest, and the proper management of public and EU funds, which poses risks to the legality and credibility of state action.

[...] Objectives of the regulation under assessment**8. What are the objectives of the regulation under assessment?**

Short-term objectives: [...] establishing clear and binding consequences for NGOs not registered in the NGOs Registry, strengthening rules on transparency and on prevention of conflicts of interest; limiting the financial dependence of NGOs on state funding; and stricter penal treatment on NGO members regarding migration-related offenses.

Long-term goals: [...] consolidating a stable and reliable system for the oversight of NGOs active in the fields of international protection, migration, and social integration.

[...]

14. Summary of the objectives of each article

[...]

Article 15

With the regulation under assessment, paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 of Article 24 of the Immigration Code are amended and new paragraphs 8 and 9 are added. In particular:

a) The upper limit of the penalty framework for the felony of facilitating entry into and exit from Greek territory is increased, from imprisonment of up to ten (10) years to imprisonment (from five to twenty years), while the commission of the act by a member of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) registered in the Register of Article 78 of the Code of Legislation for the reception, international protection of third-country nationals and stateless persons, and temporary protection in case of mass influx of displaced foreigners (Law 4939/2022, A' 111), is added to the aggravated cases, which entails imprisonment of at least ten (10) years and a fine of at least 50,000 euros.

b) The penalties imposed on the perpetrator of the misdemeanours of facilitating the illegal stay of a third-country national or hindering investigations for their location, arrest, and deportation are strengthened, by increasing the minimum limit of imprisonment from one (1) year to two (2) years. Furthermore, in the aggravated case where the perpetrator of the above acts acted for profit, the minimum limit of imprisonment is increased from two (2) to three (3) years. At the same time, the particularly aggravated case of committing the act professionally or by a member of an NGO registered in the Register of Greek and Foreign NGOs of Article 78 of the Code of Legislation for the reception, international protection of third-country nationals and stateless persons, and temporary protection in case of mass influx of displaced foreigners is added. In the latter case, the act takes on the character of a felony, and the perpetrator is sentenced to imprisonment of up to ten (10) years and a fine of at least twenty thousand (20,000) euros.

c) Regarding the misdemeanour of unlawful possession or use of a genuine passport or other travel document belonging to another person, the minimum limit of six (6) months of imprisonment and a fine of at least three thousand (3,000) euros is increased to imprisonment of at least three (3) years and a fine of at least ten thousand (10,000) euros, respectively.

d) New criminal offenses are established at the misdemeanour level:
da) the possession or use of a forged passport or other travel document, punishable by imprisonment of at least three (3) years and a fine of at least ten thousand (10,000) euros, and
db) the unlawful withholding of a passport or refusal to surrender it, punishable by imprisonment of one (1) year and a fine of at least three thousand (3,000) euros. At the

same time, provision is made for the elevation of all the above misdemeanour cases to felonies in the event that the perpetrator acted for profit or professionally or is a member of an NGO, as stated above. In these cases, imprisonment of up to ten (10) years and a fine of at least fifty thousand (50,000) euros are provided.

e) With the new paragraph 8, provision is made, if deemed necessary in the specific case, for the potential deletion of the specific NGO from the Register, provided that criminal prosecution has been initiated against its member for any punishable act of paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7, whereas the re-registration of the NGO in it is possible, upon its application, only if the perpetrator is irrevocably acquitted.

f) Finally, provision is made for the revocation of the permanent residence permit or the rejection, on grounds of public order and security, of the application for the issuance or renewal of the residence permit, if the alleged perpetrator of the punishable acts of paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article 24 is a third-country national.

Article 16

The assessed provision introduces stricter criminal sanctions for carriers of third-country nationals. In particular, point (b) of paragraph 1 removes the aggravated case of habitual commission of the felonies of transportation, reception for further transfer within the country, facilitation of transportation, or provision of accommodation for concealment purposes. This amendment is made in order to align the legislation with the new Penal Code (Law 4619/2019, A' 95), which has abolished the concept of habitual commission of an offense as an aggravating circumstance. The penalty for the aforementioned felonies is increased from imprisonment of up to ten (10) years to imprisonment ranging from five (5) to twenty (20) years and an aggravating circumstance is added where such acts are committed by a member of an NGO registered in the Registry established under Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreigners.

Furthermore, paragraph 8 stipulates that the sentence shall neither be suspended nor converted, and that an appeal shall not have suspensive effect in the event of conviction for any of the offenses referred to in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article 24 and in Article 25 of the Immigration Code.

At the same time, and provided it is deemed necessary in the specific case, provision is made for the potential removal of the specific NGO from the aforementioned Registry when criminal proceedings have been initiated against a member thereof for any of the offenses referred to in Article 25, by means of a ministerial decision substantiating the liability of the NGO's management for the commission of said offenses by its member.

Furthermore, seizure and potential confiscation of assets constituting the proceeds of an offense referred to in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article 24, and the mandatory revocation of the residence permit—of any type—held by a third-country national convicted of any of these offenses, is stipulated.

Finally, it is stipulated that in the event of the commission of any of the criminal offenses referred to in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article 24 of the Immigration Code within a foreign territory, whether by a Greek citizen or a foreign national, the requirement of dual criminality under the law of the foreign place of commission shall not be examined.

[...]

Article 56

The regulation under assessment amends Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the reception and international protection of third-country nationals and stateless persons and on temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced foreigners, and rationalizes the institutional framework for the supervision of NGOs active in the fields of international protection, migration and social integration, through the establishment of clear and binding conditions for registration in the Registry of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations, and by linking such registration to the possibility of receiving state or EU funding and operating within the structures of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum. At the same time, the strengthening of transparency and accountability is pursued, through a more effective prevention of conflicts of interest, the limitation of financial dependence on the State, and the tightening of the penal framework for natural persons who manage or represent the organizations, with the aim of ensuring the credibility of the system and the preventive protection of the public interest in areas of heightened public sensitivity.

V. Ministerial Decision No 82876 of 11 May 2026: Regulations governing the operation of the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' and the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' active in the implementation of activities of a social and humanitarian nature, or relating to international protection, migration or social integration [in effect]

Unofficial translation of Ministerial Decision No. 82876, Greek version is available [here](#).

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Regulations governing the operation of the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' and the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' active in the implementation of activities of a social and humanitarian nature, or relating to international protection, migration or social integration.

THE MINISTER OF MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

Having regard to:

1. The provisions of:

(a) Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreign Nationals (Law 4939/2022, A' 111) and in particular paragraph 5 thereof,

(b) paragraph 4 of Article 35 of Law 4622/2019 'Executive State: organisation, operation and transparency of the Government, government bodies and central public administration' (A' 133),

(c) Article 84 of Law 4727/2020 'Digital Governance (Transposition into Greek law of Directive (EU) 2016/2102 and Directive (EU) 2019/1024) Electronic Communications (Transposition into Greek Law of Directive (EU) 2018/1972) and other provisions' (A' 184),

(d) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and Law 4624/2019 'Hellenic Data Protection Authority, measures for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and transposing into national law Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 and other provisions' (A' 137),

(e) Article 45 of Presidential Decree 106/2020 'Organisation of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum' (A' 255),

(f) Article 18 of Presidential Decree 77/2022 'Establishment of Closed Controlled Facilities (K.E.D.) and abolition of Reception and Identification Centres (K.Y.T.) – Amendment of Presidential Decree 106/2020 'Organisation of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum' (A' 212),

(g) paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 6 of Presidential Decree 77/2023 'Establishment of a Ministry and renaming of Ministries – Establishment, abolition and renaming of General and Special Secretariats – Transfer of competences, administrative units, staff posts and supervised bodies' (A' 130), pursuant to which the Special Secretariat for the Coordination of Relevant Bodies and the departments of the Special Secretariat for the Coordination of Relevant Bodies are abolished within the Ministry of Migration and Asylum,

(h) Presidential Decree 58/2025 'Appointment of the Minister and Deputy Ministers' (A' 111),

(i) No. 245760/23-12-2025 (Government Gazette 1671) on the appointment of Spyridon Stathoulis, son of Georgios, to the post of Secretary-General for the Reception of Asylum Seekers, at the Ministry of Migration and Asylum,

2. the need to ensure transparency, proportionality and legal certainty in the regulation of the activities of NGOs,

3. the recommendation No. 82751/07.05.2026, pursuant to Article 24(5)(e) of Law 4270/2014 (A' 143), of the Directorate-General for Administrative and Financial Services of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, dated which states that the provisions of this document do not entail any expenditure to be charged to the budgetary appropriations of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum,

4. the fact that the provisions of this document amend the administrative procedure officially entitled 'Operation of the Registers of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and NGO Members of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum' and Unique Registration Number (URN) in the EMDD 'Mitos' "947983", we hereby decide:

1. The terms and conditions for the registration of eligible Greek and international voluntary organisations and civil society organisations in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)', we set out the procedural details for the establishment and maintenance of the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)', and the procedure for the public call for registration, we specify the terms and conditions for the registration of eligible organisations in the Register and the full set of necessary documents to be submitted in this regard; we set out the ongoing requirements for maintaining their registration in the Register, the deadlines for resubmitting the necessary documents, the procedure for removal from the Register and the method of notifying the recipient thereof, the publication of the Register via the website of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum to ensure the necessary transparency, as well as any relevant and necessary details regarding the implementation and ongoing maintenance of the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'.

2. The procedures and supporting documents required for registration and certification in the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' active in the fields of international protection, migration and social integration, the conditions for removal from the Register, and any other necessary details concerning the operation of the Register.

Article 1

Purpose, Scope and Field of Application

1. Purpose – Subject Matter

(a) The purpose of maintaining the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' is the need to register, in the public interest, all the bodies referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 78 of Law 4939/2022, as amended and currently in force, in order to ensure transparency in the way they operate and, through this, to optimise the services they provide, as well as to safeguard the human rights of refugees, applicants for asylum and international protection, and migrants present on Greek territory.

(b) The purpose of maintaining the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' is to meet the requirement to record all persons referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 78 of Law 4939/2022, so as to enable the exclusion of access to and direct contact with asylum seekers and applicants for international protection by individuals exhibiting particularly criminal behaviour, who have been convicted of particularly heinous criminal offences, such as, by way of example, sexual abuse, paedophilia, procuring, drug trafficking, causing bodily harm, trafficking in third-country nationals, etc., so as to ensure the

human rights of applicants for asylum and international protection, and, above all, their very lives, safety, physical integrity and mental health, as required by national legislation and international treaties, as well as to prevent such incidents. The purpose of maintaining the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' is exclusively to protect beneficiaries and to ensuring that access to services is lawful.

2. Scope of the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'.

(a) In the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)', the competent authority registers all Greek and international voluntary organisations and civil society organisations which meet the minimum necessary conditions for participation in the implementation of actions relating to international protection, migration and social integration. Non-profit organisations, voluntary organisations and any similar organisation, whether Greek or international, which are not entered in the register, may not receive state or EU funding or operate in any capacity within the structures of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum.

(b) Legal entities in the following legal forms may be entered in the Register:

- i) Associations.
- ii) Civil non-profit organisations.
- iii) Charitable foundations under Law 4182/2013 'Code on Charitable Assets, Unclaimed Inheritances and Other Provisions' (A' 185).
- iv) Foundations established by special legislation.
- v) Specially recognised bodies (under specific legislation).
- vi) Branches or offices of foreign non-governmental organisations in Greece.

3. Scope of application of the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'. Organisations registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' in accordance with the provisions of this document, are required to register in the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' the natural persons who are members, employees and associates of the aforementioned organisations operating in Greece. The registration of these individuals in the Register and their certification are a prerequisite both for their operation within Greek territory and for their cooperation with public bodies.

4. Public availability of information from the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' and the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)': The information that is freely accessible includes, for example, the organisation's name, tax identification number (AFM), date of incorporation, date of registration in the Register, details of its registered office and contact details, and details of the persons who manage it and/or are its legal representatives, the purpose and categories of activities, the current articles of association or instrument of incorporation, and the number of members of each registered organisation.

Article 2

Conditions for registration in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'

The organisations referred to in Article 1 of this Act are required, when submitting their application for registration in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)', to meet the following conditions:

- (a) They must have one of the legal forms specified above;
- (b) their articles of association must specify as their purpose the implementation of activities of a social and humanitarian nature, or relating to international protection, migration or social integration,
- (c) they must be non-profit-making and must not distribute profits to their members or partners,

- d) they must not enter into contracts of any kind with:
 - i) natural persons who sit on their governing bodies or are members or partners exercising statutory control over them, spouses, children and parents of the aforementioned persons, or persons with whom they have entered into a civil partnership, except for the conclusion of employment contracts or contracts for independent services with the aforementioned persons, up to ten per cent (10%) of the total workforce per year and in any event no more than three (3) in total, with a contract value not exceeding twice the national minimum wage,
 - ii) legal entities controlled by the aforementioned persons in return for remuneration or consideration of a pecuniary nature for the contracting authority, valued at more than one thousand (1,000) euros per annum,
- (e) no criminal proceedings have been brought against the natural persons who manage the organisation and/or are its legal representatives, criminal proceedings for any felony, and they must not have been finally convicted of the offences of the illegal trafficking of third-country nationals, theft, embezzlement, fraud, extortion, forgery, forgery of certificates, bribery, breach of trust, breach of duty, false certification, defamation, money laundering, offences under Articles 187 and 187A of the Criminal Code (Law 4619/2019, A' 95), the Weapons Act, the Narcotics Act, as well as any offence under Chapter 19 of the Special Part of the Criminal Code,
- (f) to maintain detailed financial statements in accordance with Law 4308/2014 (A' 251). The management of the registered bodies bears sole responsibility for the preparation and signing of the financial statements referred to in point (f) and shall prepare and approve said financial statements. The financial statements are audited by chartered accountants in accordance with Law 4449/2017 (A' 7),
- (g) to fulfil their social security and tax obligations, with no outstanding social security or tax liabilities,
- (h) to have appointed and employed a Data Protection Officer (DPO), responsible for ensuring the ongoing compliance of the relevant NGO with personal data protection legislation, in accordance with the applicable Regulations,
- (i) not to receive, on the one hand, a regular state grant exceeding thirty per cent (30%) of their operating budget, excluding their wage costs, and, on the other hand sum of five thousand (5,000) euros per annum,
- (j) to operate a website, in at least Greek or English, on which the following shall be published as a minimum:
 - i) the organisation's articles of association,
 - ii) the names of the legal representatives and members of the organisation's governing bodies,
 - iii) the annual audit report by a Chartered Accountant on the detailed financial statements, in accordance with Law 4308/2014 (A' 251),
 - iv) contact details, including at a minimum: registered office address, registered office telephone number, email address,
 - v) any subscribers and sponsors,
- (k) to have in place and implement a mechanism ensuring full accountability of those responsible for carrying out their activities.

Article 3

Procedure for initial registration in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'

1. NGOs seeking registration must submit the following details electronically with their application for registration, which constitutes a Solemn Declaration under Article 8 of Law 1599/1986:

- (a) Details of the organisation (name, distinctive title, legal form, purpose, year of incorporation, Tax Identification Number (AFM), Tax Office, registered office, address of any branch in Greece, contact details, website),

b) details of the natural persons who manage the organisation and/or are its legal representatives (surname, first name, nationality, type and number of identity document, tax identification number, home address, contact details, position held within the organisation's management, start and end dates of term of office),

(c) their activities (field of activity, beneficiary population group, start and end dates of the activity, location where the activity is carried out, the source of funding for the initiative, collaboration with other organisations in implementing the initiative, the number of activities carried out per initiative/titles of these activities, the number of beneficiaries),

(d) the details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) (surname, first name, nationality, type and number of identity document, tax identification number, home address, contact details, start and end dates of tenure).

2. NGOs applying for registration must submit the following registration documents:

(a) A valid instrument of incorporation or articles of association, depending on the legal form of the organisation, duly registered and published in the registers of the relevant authorities, or the most recent amended and codified articles of association.

(b) A general certificate or certificate of changes issued by the relevant authorities (issued no more than three months prior to submission), where required.

(c) Minutes of the election and appointment of the board of directors, managers, legal representatives and other statutory bodies, where provided for by the current instrument of incorporation, articles of association or certificate of representation issued by the relevant authorities (which must have been issued no more than three months prior to its submission).

(d) Any relevant court judgements and orders that may have been issued concerning the legal representation of the organisation.

(e) Proof of tax compliance for each financial year.

(f) Certificate of social security compliance.

(g) Detailed financial statements in accordance with Law 4308/2014 (A' 251) for the most recent financial year.

(h) An audit report on the detailed financial statements by a chartered accountant or an audit firm, in accordance with the provisions of Law 4449/2017 (A' 7), for the last financial year.

i) A solemn declaration by the organisation's legal representative stating that the organisation seeking registration does not receive a regular state grant exceeding 30 per cent of its operating budget or loans guaranteed by the State (issued no more than three months prior to submission).

(j) A solemn declaration by its legal representative that the organisation does not enter into contracts of any kind with:

i) Natural persons who sit on its governing bodies or are members or partners with statutory control, spouses, children and parents of the aforementioned persons, or persons with whom they have entered into a civil partnership, except where employment contracts or contracts for independent services have been concluded with the aforementioned persons, up to ten per cent (10%) of the total workforce per year and in any event no more than three (3) in total, with a contract value not exceeding twice the national minimum wage, and

ii) legal entities controlled by the aforementioned persons in return for remuneration or consideration for the contracting authority, valued at more than one thousand (1,000) euros per annum, (issued no more than three months prior to submission).

(ia) A statutory declaration by the natural persons who manage the organisation and/or are its legal representatives (issued no more than three months prior to submission), stating that no criminal proceedings have been brought against them for any felony and that there is no final conviction for the offences of the illegal trafficking of third-country nationals, theft, embezzlement, fraud, extortion, forgery, forgery of certificates, bribery, breach of trust, breach of duty, false certification, defamation, money laundering, offences under Articles 187

and 187A of the Criminal Code (Law 4619/2019, A' 95), the Weapons Act, the Narcotics Act, as well as any offence under Chapter 19 of the Special Part of the Criminal Code.

(k) Criminal record certificates for natural persons who manage the company and/or are its legal representatives (issued no more than three months prior to submission). For the purposes of this provision, in cases where foreign nationals are unable to apply for a National Criminal Record, a certified and legally translated copy of a document from their country of origin equivalent to the National Criminal Record may be submitted. In the case of countries that do not issue a document equivalent to the National Criminal Record, the requirement is deemed to be met by the submission of a certified and legally translated 'certificate of good conduct' or another equivalent document from their country of origin. The NGO Register and NGO Members' Register Unit of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum may, on its own initiative, seek the criminal record certificate of the aforementioned persons, where this is feasible.

(l) Tax Assessment Notice for legal entities for the previous tax year.

(m) Internal operating regulations and Code of Conduct.

The obligation to submit the above supporting documents, which relate to and pertain to the last year of operation, applies to organisations that have been established and have been operating within Greek territory for at least one (1) year. In all other cases, namely where the organisation seeking registration has been established and has been operating for less than one year, the required supporting documents corresponding to the period of its operation must be submitted.

3. All information and supporting documents must be submitted in Greek. Documents issued by foreign authorities must be duly certified and translated in accordance with the legislation in force.

4. Administrative review of the application

(a) After checking the supporting documents submitted, the competent department may request clarifications, the submission of additional supporting documents or the production of the original documents. Any supplementary supporting documents and clarifications must be submitted within a strict deadline of ten (10) days from the date the applicant is notified.

(b) If the registration requirements are met and the required supporting documents have been submitted, the Secretary-General for the Reception of Asylum Seekers shall issue a decision registering the applicant organisation in the Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

(c) In the event of a rejection of an application for registration in the NGO Register, the competent authority shall inform the applicant organisation in writing, stating the reasons.

The Secretary-General for the Reception of Asylum Seekers reserves the right, in all cases, to verify the information submitted with all the competent state authorities, as well as the right, having regard to all the above, in conjunction with information relating to the activities of the organisations seeking registration and at his or her discretion, to reject or accept the organisation's application for registration, by means of a reasoned decision.

5. The registration of an NGO in the Register shall remain in force for as long as the NGO complies with the obligations laid down herein.

Article 4

Procedure for changes to registration

1. The governing bodies of registered organisations are required to notify the competent authority of any changes to the details and supporting documents originally submitted.

2. The competent authority must be notified of such changes within one (1) month of the change taking place, and the notification must be accompanied by the necessary supporting documents.

3. Once the competent authority has checked the supporting documents submitted, it may request clarifications, the submission of additional supporting documents or the production of the original documents.

4. Any supplementary supporting documents and clarifications must be submitted within a strict deadline of ten (10) days from the date the organisation is notified.

Article 5

Obligations of registered organisations

1. Organisations registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' are required to register in the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' the natural persons who are members, employees and associates, in accordance with paragraph 4. of Article 78 of the Code of Legislation on the Reception, International Protection of Third-Country Nationals and Stateless Persons, and Temporary Protection in the Event of a Mass Influx of Displaced Foreign Nationals (Law 4939/2022, A' 111).

2. Organisations registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' must also submit the following annually, from 1 October to 30 November of each year, commencing from the year following their registration in the NGO Register:

a) Proof of tax compliance for each financial year.
b) A certificate of social security compliance.
c) Detailed financial statements in accordance with Law 4308/2014 (A' 251) for the previous year.

(d) An audit report on the detailed financial statements by a chartered accountant or an audit firm, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of Article 2 of Law 4449/2017 (A' 7), for the most recent financial year.

(e) A solemn declaration (issued no more than three months prior to its submission) by the legal representative stating that the entity continues to refrain from entering into contracts of any kind with:

- i) Natural persons who sit on its governing bodies or are members or partners with controlling interest, spouses, children and parents of the aforementioned persons, or persons with whom they have entered into a civil partnership, except for the conclusion of employment contracts or contracts for independent services with the aforementioned persons, up to ten per cent (10%) of the total workforce per year and in any event no more than three (3) in total, with a contract value not exceeding twice the national minimum wage, and
- ii) legal entities controlled by the aforementioned persons in return for remuneration or consideration for the organisation, valued at more than one thousand (1,000) euros per annum.

(f) A statutory declaration (issued no more than three months prior to its submission) by the legal representative stating that the organisation continues not to receive a regular state grant exceeding 30 per cent of its operating budget or loans guaranteed by the State.

(g) A tax assessment notice for the legal entity for the previous year.

(h) A report on the organisation's activities during the previous year.

i) Criminal record certificates for the natural persons who manage the organisation and/or are its legal representatives (issued no more than three months prior to submission).

(j) A statutory declaration by the natural persons who manage the organisation and/or are its legal representatives (issued no more than three months prior to submission), stating that no criminal proceedings have been brought against them for any felony and that there is no final conviction for the offences of the illegal trafficking of third-country nationals, theft, embezzlement, fraud, extortion, forgery, forgery of certificates, bribery, breach of trust, breach of duty, false certification, defamation, money laundering, and offences under Articles 187 and 187A of the Criminal Code (Law 4619/2019, A' 95), the Weapons Act, and the Drugs Act, as well as for any offence under Chapter 19 of the Special Part of the Criminal Code.

3. Organisations registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' must notify the competent authority of any changes to the details and supporting documents originally submitted, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of this Regulation.

4. Organisations registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' must properly carry out the project they have undertaken, whether funded by the State or the European Union or in any other way, both within and outside the structures of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum. If it is established that the work they have undertaken has been carried out inadequately, as confirmed by a relevant document from the competent administrative authority in each case, the provisions of Article 6 of this Act shall apply.

5. Organisations registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' must retain the contracts they enter into with natural or legal persons for as long as they remain registered in the Register.

6. Compliance with the obligations set out in Article 5 of this Regulation may be monitored by the competent department of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum by any appropriate means. Organisations registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' are required to assist the competent department of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum without delay in verifying compliance with their obligations.

Article 6

Verification of compliance with obligations – Sanctions

1. In the event of failure to comply with the obligations set out in Article 5 of this Regulation, the competent department shall, without delay, send a written notice to the registered organisations, requesting them to take all necessary steps to comply with the obligations set out herein, within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of notification of the notice.

2. Should the deadline set out in paragraph 1 lapse without action being taken, the competent authority, by decision of the Secretary-General for the Reception of Asylum Seekers, shall remove the non-compliant organisation from the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' and shall notify the following: (a) the organisation, (b) the website of the NGO Register; and (c) any other competent body.

3. An organisation that has been removed from the Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 2 and wishes to be re-registered may submit an application for registration, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, after a period of two (2) years has elapsed from the date of its removal.

Article 7

Procedure for voluntary removal from the Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

1. An organisation registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' may, by submitting an application to the competent Unit for the NGO Register and the Register of NGO Members, request its removal from the Register.

2. An organisation that is removed from the Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 hereof, and wishes to re-register, must submit a new application for registration.

Article 8

Conditions for registration in the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'

1. The organisation on whose behalf and in whose name the natural person is actively carrying out activities must be registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'.

2. The natural person is actively carrying out activities on behalf of and in the name of the organisation registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'.

3. The natural person must not have been subject to criminal prosecution for any felony, nor must there be a final conviction for the offences of the illegal trafficking of third-country nationals, theft, embezzlement, fraud, extortion, forgery, forgery of documents, bribery, breach of trust, breach of duty, making a false statement, defamation, money laundering, and the offences under Articles 187 and 187A of the Criminal Code (Law 4619/2019, A' 95), the Weapons Act, the Drugs Act, as well as any misdemeanour under Chapter 19 of the Special Part of the Criminal Code.

Article 9

Procedure for registration in the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'

1. Organisations registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' must submit an online application for registration containing all the complete, accurate and legally required information and supporting documents. The online application constitutes a solemn declaration under Article 8 of Law 1599/1986.

2. The details that must be provided are as follows: (a) Details of: identity card, passport or residence permit (for those without a passport who are legally resident in Greece); (b) Tax Registration Number, competent tax office, AMKA, or Personal Identification Number, where applicable; (c) Activity carried out on behalf of and in the name of the registered organisation; (d) Start and end dates of the collaboration with the organisation; (e) Contact telephone number; (f) Email address; (g) Home address. All details and supporting documents must be submitted in Greek. Documents issued by foreign authorities must be duly certified and translated in accordance with the legislation in force.

Article 10

Documents that must be submitted

The supporting documents that must be submitted are:

(a) (i) For Greek citizens: a copy of a police identity card or passport. ii) For citizens of Member States of the European Union and the EEA: a copy of a national identity card or passport, accompanied by a copy of a Certificate of Registration as a citizen of an EU Member State, where required. iii) For third-country nationals: a certified copy of a valid passport and

a copy of a residence permit or authorisation to stay, where required. iv) For third-country nationals without a passport who are lawfully residing in Greece: a copy of a residence permit or a refugee travel document (TDV) or an asylum seeker's registration card.

(b) A criminal record certificate for the individual (issued no more than three months prior to submission). For the purposes of this document, in cases where foreign nationals are unable to apply for a National Criminal Record, a certified and legally translated copy- of a document from their country of origin equivalent to the National Criminal Record. In the case of countries that do not issue a document equivalent to the National Criminal Record, the requirement is deemed to be met by the submission of a certified and legally translated 'certificate of good conduct' or another equivalent document from their country of origin. The NGO Register and NGO Members' Register Unit of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum may, on its own initiative, seek the criminal record certificate of the aforementioned persons, where this is feasible.

(c) A statutory declaration by the natural person (issued no more than three months prior to its submission) stating that no criminal proceedings have been brought against them for any felony, and that they have not been convicted by a final and binding judgment for any felony or for the misdemeanours of the unlawful trafficking of third-country nationals, theft, embezzlement, fraud, extortion, forgery, forgery of certificates, bribery, breach of trust, breach of duty, false certification, defamation, money laundering, offences under Articles 187 and 187A of the Criminal Code (Law 4619/2019, A' 95), the Weapons Act, the Drugs Act, as well as any offence under Chapter 19 of the Special Part of the Criminal Code.

Article 11

Administrative review of applications

1. After examining the application submitted, the competent authority may request clarifications, the submission of supplementary supporting documents or the production of original documents. Any supplementary supporting documents and clarifications must be submitted within a strict deadline of ten (10) days from the date the applicant is notified. If the registration requirements are met and the required supporting documents have been submitted, the Secretary-General for the Reception of Asylum Seekers shall issue a decision registering the natural person in the Register of Members of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). In the event of an application for registration in the Register of NGO

2. The Secretary-General for the Reception of Asylum Seekers reserves the right, in all cases, to verify the information submitted with all the competent state authorities, as well as the right, taking all the above into account, in conjunction with information relating to the character and previous conduct of the natural persons seeking registration, and at his discretion, to reject or accept the natural person's application for registration, by means of a reasoned decision.

Article 12

The registration of natural persons in the Register shall remain in force provided that all of the following conditions are met:

1. The organisation on whose behalf and in whose name the natural person is actively carrying out activities remains registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'.

2. The natural person is actively engaged in activities on behalf of and in the name of the organisation registered in the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'.

3. The organisation and the natural person shall comply with the obligations set out herein.

Article 13

Procedure for changes to registration in the Register of NGO Members

Registered NGOs are required to notify the competent authority of any changes to the details and supporting documents originally submitted. Notification of such changes to the competent authority must be made within one (1) month of the change and must be accompanied by the necessary supporting documents. Once the competent authority has checked the supporting documents submitted, it may request clarifications, the submission of additional supporting documents or the production of the original documents. Any supplementary supporting documents and clarifications must be submitted within a strict deadline of ten (10) days from the date the organisation is notified.

Article 14

Obligations of NGOs and registered members in relation to the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)'

1. The 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' is updated to reflect any changes, for which the organisations whose members are registered in the Register are responsible. These organisations are obliged to report any change relating to the personal details of these individuals within one (1) month of the event occurring. In particular, in cases where members leave Greek territory or the scope of activities, or in the event of the termination of their collaboration, the above bodies are obliged to request, within one (1) month of the occurrence of the event, the deactivation of the registration of these individuals from the aforementioned Register.

2. The 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' is updated annually upon submission of a copy of each member's criminal record. The starting point for this annual obligation is the date on which the member is registered in the Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). After checking the supporting documents submitted, the competent authority may request clarifications, the submission of additional supporting documents or the production of the original documents.

3. Members registered in the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' are required to carry out the work they have undertaken to a satisfactory standard. Inadequate performance of the work shall be established by a relevant document issued by the competent administrative authority.

Article 15

Verification of compliance with obligations – Sanctions

1. In the event of failure to comply with the obligations set out in the preceding article, the competent authority shall, without delay, send a written notice to the registered bodies, requesting them to take all necessary measures to comply with the obligations set out therein within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of notification of the notice.

2. Should the deadline pass without action being taken, the competent department, by decision of the Secretary-General for the Reception of Asylum Seekers, shall remove the member from the Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and shall inform the organisation accordingly.

3. A member who has been removed from the Register of NGO Members due to failure to comply with the obligations set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 14 of this Act may be re-registered in the Register by submitting a new application.

4. A member who has been struck off the Register of NGO Members due to failure to comply with the obligations set out in paragraph 3 of Article 14 of this Act may be re-registered in the Register by submitting a new application, two years after the date of their removal.

Article 16

Procedure for voluntary removal from the Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

Registration in the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' may be deactivated following an online application by the registered organisation or the registered natural person, submitted to the NGO and NGO Members Register Unit.

Article 17

Structured dialogue with civil society organisations.

1. The Ministry organises working meetings with civil society organisations for the purpose of consultation, the exchange of views and the formulation of proposals on matters falling within its remit.

2. These meetings must take place at least twice (2) a year and follow a regular schedule, ensuring continuous participation with a long-term perspective. NGOs determine their representation in the dialogue and appoint their own representatives. The number of participants must ensure broad representation. Additional participants may be invited to the meetings depending on the topics under discussion.

3. The competent authority shall determine the invitation procedure, the format of the meetings (in person, remotely or in a hybrid format), as well as any other necessary practical details for the implementation of this Article.

Article 18

Protection of personal data – Data Controller – Technical and Organisational Measures

1. For the purposes of implementing Article 78 of Law 4939/2022, the Ministry of Migration and Asylum acts in the capacity of Data Controller, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and Law 4624/2019 (A' 137). In the establishment and operation of the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' and the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' the protection of human rights, privacy and personal data is always ensured, in accordance with Article 9A of the Constitution, the legislation in force and, in particular, in accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, OJ L 119 [GDPR]) and Law 4624/2019. When processing data, the necessary technical and organisational measures are taken to ensure the security of such data.

2. The Ministry of Migration and Asylum acts as the Data Controller for the personal data processed in the context of the establishment and operation of the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' and the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)', in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Law 4624/2019. The processing is carried out for reasons of public interest and, in particular, to ensure transparency, the lawful operation of NGOs, the protection of beneficiaries and the smooth functioning of the Ministry's structures. The legal basis for the processing is Article

6(1)(c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in conjunction with Article 78 of Law 4939/2022 and other applicable provisions. Data subjects are persons who are members of the management and/or legal representatives of the organisations falling within the scope of this notice, as well as natural persons who are members, employees and associates of the aforementioned organisations operating in Greece. The personal data subject to processing are specified in Articles 3 and 9 and are limited to what is strictly necessary to achieve the above purposes, in accordance with the principle of data minimisation, in order to implement the provisions of Article 78 of Law 4939/2022 and of this Regulation in the context of the need to certify the legitimacy and reliability of registered bodies and individuals. The processing of data relating to criminal convictions and offences is carried out exclusively under the supervision of the Ministry as a public authority and only to the extent that it is absolutely necessary for the assessment of the suitability of individuals, in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679. Access to the data is permitted only to authorised bodies of the Ministry and to other competent public authorities, insofar as this is necessary for the exercise of their powers. Personal data shall be retained only for as long as is necessary to fulfil the purposes set out herein. In particular:

(a) Data relating to registered organisations are retained for as long as their registration in the Register remains valid and for a period of up to five (5) years following their deregistration, for audit and accountability purposes.

(b) Data relating to members of NGOs are retained for the duration of their collaboration with the organisation and for a period of up to three (3) years following their departure.

(c) Criminal record data are deleted immediately upon completion of the relevant check, unless their retention is required for the documentation of an administrative act.

3. The data subjects referred to above may exercise the rights granted to them by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Law 4624/2019. In particular, they have the right to access their personal data and the supporting documents submitted as mentioned above, as well as the right to request the rectification of inaccurate personal data and the completion of incomplete information. They have the right to lodge a complaint with the Personal Data Protection Authority, in accordance with Article 77 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and paragraph 1(g) of Article 13 of Law 4624/2019.

4. The Ministry of Migration and Asylum is obliged to adopt and maintain at all times the appropriate and necessary technical and organisational security measures for the data being processed, information and records and, as a minimum, to log and monitor access, ensure traceability and protect the data being processed from any breach, as well as from any deliberate or accidental threat.

5. Users shall implement the appropriate and necessary technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of the data and documents they enter into the databases, and any other measures that ensure protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage, or the prevention of unauthorised access by third parties.

6. In the event of any substantial change to the operation or characteristics of the 'Register of Greek and Foreign Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)' and the 'Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)', a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) shall be carried out in accordance with Article 35 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

*Article 19**Transitional provisions*

(a) Organisations that are registered and certified in the Register of NGOs pursuant to the provisions of Joint Ministerial Decision No. 10616/2020 (B' 3820) and which comply with all the terms and conditions for registration set out in this Decision shall remain registered.

(b) Organisations which were registered and certified in the Register pursuant to the provisions of Joint Ministerial Decision No. 10616/2020 (B' 3820) are not required to take any further action to resubmit a relevant application or re-register. They are required to comply with the obligations set out herein and to submit any supplementary documents required by the provisions of this Decision, but which were not required by the provisions of Joint Ministerial Decision No. 10616/2020 (B' 3820) Joint Ministerial Decision, within the deadline for the annual update of details in accordance with Article 5(3) of this Decision.

(c) Applications for the registration of organisations that have been submitted and are pending as at the date of entry into force of this Decision shall be examined in accordance with the provisions of Joint Ministerial Decision No. 10616/2020 (B' 3820) Joint Ministerial Decision, and the provision of the preceding subparagraph shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(d) Members of registered bodies who were registered and certified in the Register pursuant to the provisions of Joint Ministerial Decision No. 10616/2020 (B' 3820) Joint Ministerial Decision shall remain registered and are not required to take any further action to resubmit a relevant application or re-register. An annual update is required, involving the submission of a copy of each member's criminal record, in accordance with Article 14(2) of this Decision. At the time of the first annual update, registered organisations must comply with the obligations set out in this Regulation regarding the maintenance of the Register of Members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and to submit any supplementary documents that may be required.

(e) Applications for registration by members of registered bodies which have been submitted and are pending as at the date of entry into force of this Act shall be examined in accordance with the provisions of Joint Ministerial Decision No. 10616/2020 (B' 3820) and the provision of the preceding paragraph shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

*Article 20**Repealed provisions*

Upon the entry into force of this Act and subject to the preceding article, Joint Ministerial Decision No. 10616/2020 (B' 3820) is repealed. Article 21 Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force upon its publication in the Government Gazette. This Decision shall be published in the Government Gazette.

Agios Ioannis Rentis, 8 May 2026

The Minister

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