

PALESTINE-ROMANIAN CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE

NAME AND OBJECTS:

Art. 1

This body shall be called the Palestine Roumanian Chamber of Commerce, and be entirely free from politics of any character. Its activities shall be governed by the following statutes.

The Head Office of the Chamber shall be established either at Tel-Aviv or Jaffa, according to the commercial importance of the locality, and its operations shall cover all Palestine.

Art. 11.

The object of the Chamber of Commerce is to develop commercial, industrial and economic relations between Palestine and the Kingdom of Roumania by means indicated herein.

- 1) Communication to the authorities of the two countries, and to various Palestinian and Roumanian Chambers of Commerce, all projected legislation, decrees, acts, and in general all available matter and information relating to agriculture, commerce, industry, and finance, in Palestine and Roumania.
- 2) Submitting proposals and suggestions tending to bring about commercial agreements between the countries.
- 3) Advice and consultations on differences and matters involving litigation.
- 4) Opening up offices for mediation and arbitration between the agriculturists, business men, and industrialists of the two countries.
- 5) Introducing and recommending to the Palestinian and Roumanian industrialists and businessmen the services of lawyers, engineers, advisors, experts and translators.
- 6) Establishment of an office with the object of centralising supply and demand relative to agriculture, commerce and industry, where samples of different articles can be submitted and inspected.
- 7) Arranging Exhibitions and Fairs, and functions of a similar nature, with the view to making known the products and requirements of the two countries.
- 8) Placing citizens of both countries in Business Houses and Industries of either

- country, so as to impart professional knowledge on the above-mentioned matters.
- 9) Enquiries and recommendations concerning the regulation of the status of workmen in the two countries, Palestine as well as Roumania.
- 10) Publishing a periodical bulletin and other literature tending to make known the markets, localities, particulars of supply and demand, etc., as well as the resources and wealth of both countries.

COMPOSITION - CONDITIONS GOVERNING ADMISSION

Art. III.

The Chamber of Commerce is composed of Charter Members, Honorary Members, Active Members and non-Active Members.

Active Members shall consist of persons of different nationalities residing permanently in Palestine, among whom there must be Roumanian subjects.

Charter Members are elected by ballot at the General Meeting, on due application having been made, and provided that they have been proposed by the Executive Council or two members; also such persons or Companies having shown an interest in or sympathy towards the objects of the Chamber, and who in addition have made a contribution to the Funds of the Chamber of the following sums: Private Individuals L.P. 5,000 . . . . . Companies, L.P. 8,000 . . . . . Limited Companies . . . . . L.P. 12,000

The Heads and Members of Diplomatic Missions may be Honorary Members upon request.

The Active, and Charter Members shall consist of persons of different nationalities residing permanently in Palestine, among whom there must be Roumanian subjects.

The General Meeting may accept as Active Members, upon making due application, agriculturists, businessmen, industrialists or financiers of either country and who have either their Head Office or Branch in Palestine or Roumania.

There may also be elected as Active Members by the General Meeting, upon due application having been made by them, subjects of either nation who follow the liberal professions, officials of agricultural and industrial companies and concerns who have interests in either of the two countries, as well as all persons who can in any form whatsoever contribute towards the development of economic relations between Palestine and Roumania.

The Executive Committee shall, at the first General Meeting, submit the names of the elected members for confirmation.

Companies and individuals whose applications have been accepted by the Executive Committee, but not yet submitted before the General Meeting, may be admitted as Non-Active Members without the right to vote.

Finally, there may be elected by vote at the General Meeting as Non-Active Members, persons or Companies who have submitted an application to this effect. Such Non-Active Members shall have the same rights and privileges as Active Members, with the exception of the right to vote.

Art. IV.

Charter Members are elected for life. They shall enjoy all the advantages and privileges granted to Active Members.

Honorary Members are exempt from all charges and obligations devolving on other Members of the Chamber.

At the time of their admission, Active Members are to pay an entrance fee, which varies as follows: Private individuals, ₪ 0.500; Companies, ₪ 1.000; and for Limited Companies, ₪ 1.500.

In addition, Active Members are to pay an annual subscription as follows: Private Individuals ₪ 0.500; Companies, ₪ 1.500; Limited Companies, ₪ 2.000.

\* - \* Associate members shall pay only one half of the above-mentioned sums.

The Executive Committee is authorized to exempt such members as they may choose from payment of subscriptions.

Art. V.

The following will not be accepted as members of the Chamber: Undischarged bankrupts; persons who have been convicted of offences; persons who do not possess their full rights of citizenship, or who have lost their political rights.

Any member who, after admission to the Chamber, acquires another Nationality, can be taken off the list of Active Members of the Chamber of Commerce by decision of the Executive Committee.

Any member not paying his subscription during the first two months of the year, shall be requested to do so. In case of need, an extension of another two months shall be allowed him, and should his subscription remain unpaid at the end of this period, he shall

# It will give the power of the Committee to fix the fees at the various <sup>(big)</sup> entrance



be considered as having resigned.

Any member wishing to resign, must notify the President of the Chamber of Commerce by registered letter before the 31st of December.

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### Art. VI.

The Chamber of Commerce shall be directed and administered by the Executive Committee who shall be composed of residents of Palestine and Roumanian subjects.

The Committee shall consist of a President, two Vice-presidents and seven other members, one of whom shall be the Economic Advisor of Roumania. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be present at meetings, and shall have the right to take part in discussions and voting, on matters pertaining to their individual offices. (Vote consultatif) The Executive Committee shall be presided over by the President or Vice-President, who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Meeting, for a period of three years, and be from among the Active Members; election to be by balloting of ticket, and by majority of votes. One-third shall give up office every year, and be re-eligible for the office.

The Commercial Attaché, or the Economic Advisor of the Royal Roumanian Legation automatically becomes an Active Member. He shall perform the functions of Commissioner of the Roumanian Government and serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

In the event of the Executive Committee no longer consisting of the full number of members required, in the case of the death or resignation of a member, or from any other cause, the vacancy may be filled by Active Members of the Chamber, provided that there are always Palestinians and Roumanians as stated before. These provisional appointments must be submitted for confirmation at the next General Meeting.

A certain number of consulting members may be attached to the Executive to serve as technical experts.

The Executive Committee must meet twice a month.

The Members of the Executive Committee shall not receive any remuneration for their services.

##### Art. VII.

The Executive Committee shall draw up the rules and regulations governing the

internal management of the Chamber, appoint the officials of the Chamber and fix their salaries. The Executive shall examine and submit to the General Meeting the Minutes of their meetings, expenditure account, and Balance Sheet for the current term.

Matters may be discussed and decisions made if the members present number at least including the President.

Decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes of members present. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

Art. VIII.

The Executive Committee is in charge of the administration of all properties belonging to the Chamber. It shall represent the Chamber before third parties. It shall enter into the required contracts for carrying on the Chamber's activities. It may purchase and sell goods, movable and immovable property, accept donations or legacies in conformity with the laws governing relations between the two countries. It shall represent the Chamber before Courts and other Authorities. It may relegate all or part of the above powers to one or more members of the Executive Committee.

Art. IX.

The General Secretary (Director) of the Chamber of Commerce must be Romanian by birth. He shall direct the activities of the Chamber and carry out the decisions taken by the Executive Committee. He shall be present at meetings of the Executive, and take part in discussions and voting on matters pertaining to his office. (Vote consultatif).

Art. X.

The organization of the Chamber of Commerce shall be comprised of three Departments namely: a) Legal Department, b) Commercial and Financial Department, c) Information and Publication Department.

Art. XI.

The records of the minutes and of meetings of the Executive Committee shall always be at the disposal of all members of the Chamber of Commerce.

No extract, however, or copy of such records may be reproduced without the express authorisation of the President to this effect.

Art. XII.

The General Meeting shall be composed of all the Members; Charter, Honorary and Active and Non-Active. It shall be presided over by the President. Vice-President

the Economic Advisor of Roumania. Companies shall be represented by its Manager or his duly appointed representative.

Only Charter, and Active Members, fulfilling the conditions in Art. III, Para. 4, shall have the right to vote.

Any member having the right to vote, may represent not more than three members, provided that such members also have the right to vote.

Art. XIII.

The General Meeting shall have sole right to decide upon all matters concerning the Chamber of Commerce, and shall give definite decisions on all questions concerning the admission of new members.

The Agenda, drawn up by the Executive Committee, shall be submitted at the General Meeting, and its contents shall be the only matters of discussion at the Meeting. Requests of any nature whatsoever from other members must be submitted through the medium of the Executive Committee. Propositions which have been rejected by the Executive Committee may be addressed direct to the President at least ten days before the date set for the General Meeting. The Executive Committee is obliged to present a list of the members in question, to the General Meeting, and the Meeting shall express an opinion on the subjects under debate.

Art. XIV.

The General Meeting may deliberate and arrive at decisions if at least one quarter of the Active Members are present. In the event of the required number not being present, a second meeting shall be held within the succeeding fortnight; this new Meeting may deliberate and arrive at decisions, irrespective of and notwithstanding the number of Active Members present.

The decisions of the General Meeting shall be taken by a majority of votes given by the number of Active Members present at the Meeting.

In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

Artt XV.

A General Meeting shall be held once every year, in the first term of the session.

Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called in the following cases:

- 1) At the express requisition of the Executive.

2) On receipt of a request signed by at least one third of the Active Members, and addressed to the President of the Chamber, stating the object of the Meeting.

Notices for Meetings shall be addressed to the Members of the Chamber by the Executive Committee, 30 days before the date fixed for the Meeting.

Art. XVI.

The Records of the Minutes of the deliberations of the General Meeting shall always be held at the disposal of all the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

No extract, however, or copy of such registers may be published without the authorisation of the President of the Chamber.

DISSOLUTION

Art. XVII.

The Provisions of Art. XIV, shall be applicable in the event of the dissolving of the Chamber. The liquidation shall be effected by a special commission composed of five members appointed by an Extraordinary General Meeting.

The proceeds of such liquidation shall be handed over to one or more Palestine-Roumanian Institutions of a similar nature, or in the absence of such Institutions, it shall be handed over to one or more charitable organisations to be fixed by the General Meeting.

The General Meeting shall also decide to whom the Archives of the dissolved Chamber of Commerce shall be handed over.

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DIRECTORUL COMERTULUI,



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