

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

**DECISION**

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ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTE OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AND REVOKING THE DECISION OF 29 APRIL 2002 N-477 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Basing on the Article 7§1 (1) of the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic Of Armenia”, the Government of the Republic of Armenia decides:

1. To approve the Statute of the National Academy of Sciences of Republic of Armenia according to the Appendix.
2. To revoke the decision of 29 April 2002 N-477 of the Government of the Republic of Armenia “On the approval of the Statute of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia”.
3. To allow the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia to perform following types of business activities:
  - 1) carrying out of research scientific, scientific and technical, industrial activities and commercialization of their results;
  - 2) provision of consulting and expert services;
  - 3) publishing, typographical activities and realization of their results;
  - 4) organization of masters, post graduate professional, secondary and additional education;
  - 5) organization of preparatory education of foreign citizens for masters and post graduate professional education;
  - 6) carrying out the programs of international scientific studies;
  - 7) organization and serving public food, rest, treatment, lifestyle of the Academy workers and students.
4. This decision enters into force on the next day of its official publication.

Prime minister of the Republic of Armenia  
20 June 2011, Yerevan

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## **STATUTE**

### **OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

#### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. “The National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia” non-profit organization (hereinafter referred to as “The Academy”) is the successor of “The National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia” state non-profit organization which was the successor of the Academy of Sciences founded according to the decision no. 702 adopted by the Armenian SSR Government on 10 November 1943.
2. The Academy is founded by the Republic of Armenia highest self-governing scientific organization with a special status, which organizes, performs and coordinates fundamental and applied research required for knowledge-based economic, social and cultural development.
3. The Academy is a corporate non-profit organization, specific features of organizational, legal form and status of which are defined by the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia”.
4. The Academy acts pursuant to the law of the Republic of Armenia “On the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia”, legislation of the Republic of Armenia, international treaties as well as this Statute.
5. The Academy combines all the scientific organizations of the system, the academicians and corresponding members of the Academy, the scientific, scientific and technical and supporting staff of the Academy system.
6. According to the law of the Republic of Armenia “On the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia” and this Statute, the Academy is competent to govern its activities, to possess the property assigned to it perpetually and without indemnity by the Government of the Republic of Armenia, in the order prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia to create the corporations not being state non-profit organizations, to reorganize or liquidate the organizations created by itself.

7. The Academy includes scientific research institutes, scientific, scientific and technological centers, and general academic organizations of educational, scientific industrial and supporting nature.
8. The organization of the Academy activities is carried out by the Academy governing bodies, the status of which is determined by this Statute.
9. The Academy structure is formed from the scientific divisions (hereinafter referred to as “division”), the number of which is determined by the Academy Presidium.
10. The governing bodies of the Academy are: General Assembly of the Academy (the highest governing body of the Academy) (hereinafter referred to as “General Assembly”), the Academy Presidium (hereinafter referred to as “Presidium”) and the President of the Academy. The Academy Statute is adopted by the General Assembly and approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia. The President of the Academy is elected by the General Assembly from the number of the academicians of the Academy.
11. Each year the Academy presents to the Government of the Republic of Armenia:
  - 1) report on the scientific organizational and economic financial activities;
  - 2) recommendations on priorities for development of fundamental and applied sciences, as well as regarding the research works.
12. The results of intellectual activities and products of the academicians, corresponding members and scientific workers of the Academy, made within the scope of the funding from the budget of the Republic of Armenia, are the property of the Republic of Armenia by maintaining the intellectual property rights on them in the order prescribed by law.
13. The Academy has a stamp with its name in Armenian, Russian and English and the State Emblem of the Republic of Armenia, seal, and may have blanks with its name, emblem and other identification means. The Academy has the status of legal entity, a trademark, registered and established in the prescribed order, and its own balance.
14. The location of the Academy Presidium is Baghramyan 24, Yerevan city.

## **II. SPECIFIC FEATURES OF THE SPECIAL STATUS OF THE ACADEMY**

15. The Academy subordinates directly to the Government of the Republic of Armenia. The President of the Academy participates in the sessions of the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

16. The Academy is the highest scientific center of the Republic of Armenia, official scientific advisor of the Government of the Republic of Armenia, and its recommendations are examined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the relevant governing authorities. Official representatives of the Academy are entitled to the direct participation in the examination of the recommendations presented by them.
17. The Academy for the issues committed to it may perform separate functions of an authorized state governing body such as execution of general governance of scientific organizations, legal entities and institutions of its system providing its normal activity.
18. The interrelations between the Academy and the corporate state non-profit organizations of the Academy system are determined by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia and this Statute.
19. In the established cases and prescribed order by the Government of the Republic of Armenia the Academy approves the statutes of state non-profit organizations of the Academy system and makes appointments to the executive positions.
20. The Academy and the organizations of its system are entitled to engage in productive and innovative business activities within the scope permitted under the law of the Republic of Armenia “On the National Academy of Sciences” and this Statute.
21. The Academy and the organizations of the system use their income got from the business activities for solving their statutory issues.

### **III. THE OBJECT AND GOALS OF THE ACADEMY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING TYPES OF CARRIED OUT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

22. The main goal of the Academy is the organization and realization of scientific researches aimed at elucidation of development laws of the nature, society and human in the Republic of Armenia, which would contribute to ensuring the national security, technological, economic, social and cultural development.
23. The object of the Academy activities is formed from its main facing issues, directions and functions.
24. The main issues of the Academy are:
  - 1) scientific support of economic, social, state and legal system and cultural development, effective use and protections of nature of the Republic of Armenia;

- 2) organization and systematization of products and researches of fundamental and applied sciences by the most important directions of physics and mathematics, natural, chemical and earth sciences, technical, social sciences and armenology;
- 3) presentation to the Government of the Republic of Armenia in the prescribed order of recommendations concerning the legislation on improvement of the scientific, scientific and technical activities, the list of main directions of fundamental and applied scientific researches of the Republic together with the authorized state bodies;
- 4) disclosure of fundamentally new ways of scientific and technical progress, participation in formulation of recommendations for practical application of the achievements of domestic and global science.
- 5) in accordance with the order prescribed by its Statute, the organization of the elections of the academicians and corresponding members of the Academy, granting the titles of honorary member of the Academy, foreign member of the Academy and honorary doctor of the Academy;
- 6) development of reciprocal communications of the Academy, universities, departments and other scientific organizations, supporting the organization of the domestic and international scientific and technical cooperation;
- 7) creation of favorable conditions for development of scientific schools, preparation of the highly qualified scientific personnel and incensement of the qualification of scientists and professionals (including in the foreign science centers);
- 8) ensuring the development of the scientific and technical information system;
- 9) creation of favorable conditions for international scientific cooperation development;

25. Main directions of the Academy activities are:

- 1) analysis of the scientific and technical field's condition and projections on the tendencies of future developments;
- 2) creation of scientific and technical councils, expert groups and committees regarding the main issues of armenology, physics and mathematics, social, natural, chemical and earth sciences, as well as technical sciences;
- 3) presentation of recommendations to the Government of the Republic of Armenia concerning the legislation on improvement of scientific, scientific and technical activities;

- 4) determination of main activity directions of the organizations and other structural links of the Academy system;
- 5) preparation of highly qualified scientific and pedagogical (including masters degree) personnel.
- 6) exercising of the scientific expertise of the draft documents related to the science, scientific, scientific and technical, economic programs, innovative projects in the cases established and order prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia;
- 7) ensuring the organization of experimental production of technical, high-tech scientific and technical product, strengthening the logistics base of the Academy, also as creation and outspread of new means and measures of the research;
- 8) consideration of the capital investment projects aimed at the development of the scientific organizations and structural links of the Academy system;
- 9) fulfillment of international scientific, scientific and technical cooperation, development of the relations with the academies of sciences and other scientific organizations of foreign countries, execution of interstate scientific, scientific and technical programs and projects, participation in the activities of international scientific, scientific and technical organizations and associations;
- 10) ensuring the participation of foreign (including Armenian Diaspora) scientific potential in the fundamental and applied researches held in the scientific organization of the Academy system;
- 11) promotion of the outspread of the scientific research studies for the insertion and improvement of modern technologies in the Republic;
- 12) supporting the increase of scientific level of the educational system, up-grading the teaching staff of the higher educational institutions, creation of educational programs and handbooks;
- 13) propaganda and dissemination of knowledge;
- 14) publishing activities;
- 15) establishment in the Academy system of scientific, educational and scientific industrial joint centers in the prescribed order;
- 16) creation and development of a personal scientific and technical information resources, including its outspread on domestic and international computer networks;

- 17) organization and conducting of scientific sessions, conferences, scientific schools, seminars and meetings, also as participation in other similar events;
- 18) exercising other activities prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia aimed at the formation of scientific, educational and cultural harmonic system and development of scientific potential of the Republic.

26. Functions of the Academy are:

- 1) discussion, approval and coordination of the research directions and undertaken works exercised in the scientific organization of the Academy system;
- 2) coordination of fundamental researches carried out in the Republic in the order prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia;
- 3) formation of expert, advisory bodies and groups in the order prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia;
- 4) carrying out the expertise in the field of fundamental sciences in the prescribed order;
- 5) production, discussing and presenting to the state bodies of the targeted projects with the university and departmental scientific organizations related to its fields of activities;
- 6) formation and support of the joint investment recommendations basing on the system and the results got from the other scientific organizations;
- 7) production of measures relating to the protection and use of the intellectual property formed in its field;
- 8) organization of the expeditions and of expedition researches in different fields of science;
- 9) signing contracts and agreements with foreign organizations.

27. Joint functions of the Academy with the interested state governing bodies and departments of the Republic of Armenia are:

- 1) production and fulfillment of the united scientific and technical policy and modern scientific directions in the Republic of Armenia;
- 2) formation of priority directions of fundamental researches, state programs and projects, and scientific reasoning of the socio-economic development programs;

- 3) production of the principles and methods of the scientific research programs and expertise;
- 4) ensuring the advisory on the perspective economic development and most pressing contemporary issues of the Republic, scientific researches aimed at solving the problems of the production of scientific technologies, basing on which and in the order prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia, the process of foundation of relevant industries;
- 5) formation of priority directions of fundamental researches, state programs and projects, scientific reasoning of social and economic development.

28. For the execution of its functions the Academy:

- 1) determines the main directions of fundamental researches in physics and mathematics, natural, chemical and earth sciences, technical, social sciences and armenology;
- 2) secludes the most perspective directions of fundamental researches, in which the consolidation of the academic organizations can ensure quick receiving of principally news results in the sphere of science and technologies, supports providing those researches with necessary tools and equipment, particularly, by the centers sharing the devices and other structures;
- 3) within the legislation of the Republic of Armenia creates educational centers, professional schools, etc.;
- 4) exercises publishing activities, such as founding and publishing the scientific and popular scientific periodicals, monographs of the Academy, etc.;
- 5) participates in the creation and expertise of the textbooks;
- 6) carries out informational assurance of the scientific organizations, academic libraries, museums and archives;
- 7) in the prescribed order creates scientific councils and committees on the most important directions of science and technics;

29. The Academy has the right to perform following types of business activities:

- 1) carrying out of research scientific, scientific and technical, industrial works and commercialization of their results;
- 2) provision of consulting and expert services;



- 3) publishing, typographical activities and realization of their results;
  - 4) organization of masters, post graduate professional, secondary and additional education;
  - 5) organization of preparatory education of foreign citizens for masters and post graduate professional education;
  - 6) carrying out the programs of international scientific studies;
  - 7) organization and serving public food, rest, treatment, lifestyle of the Academy workers and students.
30. The income got by the Academy as a result of business activities is aimed at the fulfillment of its statutory issues.

#### **IV. STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMY**

##### **The Academy division**

31. Division is the main structural unit, which combines scientists of one or several related scientific fields, such as members of the Academy and scientific workers of the corresponding scientific units. Division includes the scientific, scientific and technical institutions, centers and other organization of the Academy in its field.
32. In the Academy are functioning the following divisions on particular fields of science:
- 1) Division of Mathematical and Technical Sciences,
  - 2) Division of Physics and Astrophysics,
  - 3) Division of Natural Sciences,
  - 4) Division of Chemistry and Earth Sciences,
  - 5) Division of Armenology and Social Sciences.
33. The main task of the division is the development of the fundamental and applied researches within the scientific institutions, centers and other organizations united in the division. The division exercises the scientific methodological and scientific organizational governance of the latters, maintains the strengthening and increase of their scientific base and staff resources, establishment and realization of scientific intercourse, development of international cooperation with scientific organizations and universities of other departments.

34. The highest governing body of the division is the General Assembly of division, which consists of members of the Academy and the representatives and directors of the scientific organizations of the division, included in the present division.
35. The operation of the division is governed by the academician-secretary of the division, who is nominated from the academicians or corresponding members of the division, is elected by the General Assembly of the division for 5 years period with closed ballot, a simple majority of the voters participating in the assembly, and is presented for approval by the General Assembly.
36. The collegial governing body of the division is the Bureau of the division governed by the academician-secretary. Members of the bureau of the division are elected by the general assembly of the division from its members, with open ballot and for 5 years period, with a simple majority of the voters participating in the Assembly and are approved by the Academy Presidium.
37. Goals and issues of the division, the jurisdiction of the general assembly, bureau and academician-secretary of the division, are established by the statute of the division, which is approved by the Academy Presidium.
38. General assembly of the division:
- 1) approves the main directions of scientific works fulfilled in the division, discusses the process of their execution;
  - 2) examines and approves the annual report of the division;
  - 3) listens and considers scientific reports of the Academy system and other scientific organizations, individual scientists;
  - 4) elects the candidates to present to the General Assembly for membership in the Academy;
  - 5) organizes the process of electing the directors of scientific organizations of the Academy.
39. The order of organization of the division's general assemblies, securing a quorum and delivering decisions is carried out in accordance with the order of organization of the Academy General Assembly, except cases prescribed by this Statute.

#### **Scientific, scientific and technological organizations of the Academy**

40. The scientific, scientific and technological organizations in the Academy system are research scientific institutions, scientific and technological centers, botanical gardens, fundamental library, archives and museums, Center of International Scientific

Education, National Bureau of Expertise and the Foundation of the science development.

41. “Research scientific institution” and “scientific and technological center” state non-profit organizations are those main elements, which exercise fundamental, applied and innovative researches, prepare highly qualified scientific personnel.
42. Research scientific institutions and scientific and technological centers may found departments, libraries, archives, etc. of the Academy international scientific studies center.
43. Governance of the research scientific institution, scientific and technological center is made by the director, whose election is carried out in accordance with the election system approved by the Presidium.
44. Special features of the structure and operation of the research scientific institution, scientific and technological center are presented in their statutes formulated basing on the typical (model) statute of the organization and approved by the Presidium.

#### **The Academy Presidium staff**

45. The activities of the Academy are carried out through the staff of the Academy Presidium whose regulations, structure and powers are defined by the Academy President.

### **V. GOVERNING BODIES OF THE ACADEMY**

#### **General Assembly of the Academy**

46. General Assembly is the highest collegial governing body. Members of the General Assembly are the President of the Academy, members of the Academy Presidium, the academicians and corresponding members of the Academy, as well as one representative from scientific workers of scientific organizations in the Academy system, who are delegated based on the decision of the scientific councils of the organizations with the mission to the General Assembly for 1-5 years period, within the limits of not more than up to 30 percent of the total number of the members of General Assembly. The academicians and corresponding members of the Academy working in the scientific organizations are not counted in the number of the representatives of those organizations. Members of the Academy are obliged to participate in the General Assembly of the Academy and General Assemblies of those divisions, in which they are included. Representatives of scientific organizations are obliged to participate in the General Assembly of the Academy and divisions, except the right of participation in the elections of the Academy members.

47. The foreign and honorary members of the Academy, as well as the directors of the organizations participate in the General Assembly with the right of advisory vote.
48. General Assembly:
- 1) approves main direction of scientific researches carried out in the Academy, considers their development process, solves the most important scientific and scientific-organizational issues;
  - 2) adopts decisions on adoption of the Academy Statute and amendments to it for its presentation for the approval by the Government of the Republic of Armenia in the prescribed order;
  - 3) considers and approves the annual report of the Presidium;
  - 4) upon the recommendation of the Academy President determines the number of the Presidium members;
  - 5) listens to the reports of the individual scientists, directors of scientific organizations of the system, the Academy divisions;
  - 6) elects the academicians and the corresponding members of the Academy;
  - 7) elects the President, vice-president, academician-secretary of the Academy, academician-secretaries of the Academy divisions, approves and elects the Presidium member, elects other members of the Presidium for 5 years period;
49. General Assembly of the Academy is called not less than once per year. The annual reporting General Assembly is held by the decisions of the Presidium in the first half of the next year. The extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly are held at the request of at least one-third of the total number of the Academy members, as well as Presidium or the President. General Assembly is valid if at least two-thirds of the members are present at the assembly. Decisions of general assembly are adopted by open ballot, with the simple majority of votes, except the cases provided by the Statute.
50. The recommendations on the issues included in the agenda of the General Assembly may be submitted by the members of the General Assembly through Presidium or the one-third of the participants' votes in the General Assembly, and the scientific councils and scientific workers of the scientific organizations of the Academy- through the divisions, and then the Presidium.
51. Upon the recommendation of the Academy President, with closed ballot, at least with two-thirds of the listed voters, the General Assembly may exercise early

termination of the activities of Presidium or the individual members, and hold new elections for the remaining period.

52. Changes and amendments to the Academy Statute are adopted at the General Assembly with at least two-third of the voters' votes. The Academy Statute, changes and amendments to the Statute shall enter into force after the approval by the Government of the Republic of Armenia and their state registration executed in the prescribed order.

### **The Academy Presidium**

53. During the period between the sessions of General Assemblies, Academy Presidium is the governing body, which exercises general scientific and scientific organizational governance of the divisions, scientific organizations.
54. The ex officio members of the Presidium are: the President, vice-president and the academician-secretary of the Academy, who are elected by the General Assembly, as well as the academician-secretaries of the divisions after their approval in that office at the General Assembly of the Academy. Other members of the Academy are elected as the member of Presidium by the General Assembly, with closed ballot, with a simple majority of the votes of listed members of the assembly, for 5 years period. The assignment of duties among the Presidium members is made by the Presidium upon the recommendation of the Academy President.
55. Decisions of the Presidium are hold by open or closed ballot with a simple majority of the votes of all members of the Presidium.
56. For its activities Presidium is accountable to the General Assembly. Presidium reports to the annual General Assembly on the important scientific achievements of the Academy, most important decisions hold by itself and on the process of their execution during the period between the sessions of General Assembly.
57. Functions of the Presidium are:
- 1) consideration of the results of scientific researches' subjects, bids on fundamental and applied scientific researches, state programs, economic and other projects of fundamental researches of the Academy system and scientific expertise, as well as holding decisions regarding to it;
  - 2) formulation of recommendations regarding the introduction of changes and amendments to the Academy Statute and typical (model) statute of scientific organization of the Academy, basing on which the Academy President presents recommendations to the General Assembly and, in case of the positive decision of the latter, to the Government of the Republic of Armenia;

- 3) implementation of international scientific and technical cooperation, production of its forms, signing agreements with scientific centers of foreign countries, foundation of international scientific organizations and participation in their operation, holding of international scientific symposiums, councils;
- 4) election of the directors of scientific organizations of the Academy;
- 5) holding a decision on call of the General Assembly;
- 6) holding a decision on organization of competing, magistracy, post-graduate courses and doctoral candidacies in the Academy system;
- 7) holding a decision on granting of honorary titles, awards and medals defined by the Academy;
- 8) holding a decision on formulation on scientific councils and committees for the production of the most important issues of fundamental researches and execution of expert activities;
- 9) holding decisions on organization of publishing activities, foundation, modifying and publishing of scientific periodicals, approving the publishing program presented by the scientific-and-publishing council of the Academy and the control on its execution;
- 10) approval of the regulations on the elections of the Academy members and the order of the elections of the Academy President. Holding decision basing on the scientific typical (model) statute of the Academy division and on the approval of the statutes of other organizations;
- 11) presentation of annual reports of the Academy for the consideration of General Assembly;
- 12) holding a decision in the prescribed order concerning the presentation of recommendations to the Government of the Republic of Armenia on the periods of carrying out the Academy members' election, the appellation of professions, the maximum number of vacant seats for the academicians and corresponding members;
- 13) holding a decision on presentation of the annual budgetary request for basic foundation under a separate line to the state governing body;
- 14) approval of the directors of scientific research and supporting organizations of the Academy, chief editors of the magazines, presidents of the councils and committees.
- 15) creation of funds and reserves in the order prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia for ensuring the social protection of the scientific workers of the

Academy and development of the most perspective directions of fundamental researches;

- 16) approval of the appellation of appointed offices upon the recommendation of the Academy President;
  - 17) holding a decision on possession of financial assets, material assets and other property assigned to the Academy.
  - 18) exercising of other functions arising from the current legislation of the Republic of Armenia and this Statute.
58. The Presidium controls the fulfillment of the provisions of the Academy Statute by the Academy members. It creates an ethics commission and approves its statute.
59. Upon the decision of the Presidium, President of the Academy shall appoint and dismiss the directors of educational, scientific industrial, supporting and general academic organizations acting under direct supervision of the Presidium.

### **President of the Academy**

60. President of the Academy is the executive body of the Academy, who exercises general and operational direction of the Academy activities.
61. President of the Academy is elected at the General Assembly from the number of full members of the Academy with closed ballot, by simple majority of votes, for 5 years period. The same person cannot be elected as a President of the Academy more than twice consecutively.
62. President of the Academy:
- 1) within its jurisdiction and according to this Statute governs the activities of the Academy, ensures normal operation of the Academy;
  - 2) within its jurisdiction delivers orders and decrees, suspends the orders and decrees of the scientific organizations in the Academy system which contradict with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Armenia and this Statute;
  - 3) presides the sessions of General Assembly and Presidium;
  - 4) appoints and dismisses the Academy staff workers in the order prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia;
  - 5) submits the structure of the Presidium, staff positions and the number of workers for the Presidium approval;

- 6) is the chief steward of the Academy credits;
  - 7) signs contracts on the scientific cooperation and other contracts, agreements concluded by the Academy or authorizes the vice-president for that in the prescribed order;
  - 8) submits recommendations to the General Assembly on the early termination of the Presidium members' authorities and election of new members;
  - 9) ensures the execution of the Constitution, laws of the Republic of Armenia, decrees, orders of the President of the Republic of Armenia, decisions of the Government of the Republic of Armenia, decisions of the General Assembly and Presidium;
  - 10) exercises other functions arising from this Statute.
63. The vice-president and academician-secretary are elected at the General Assembly from the number of academicians or corresponding members upon the presentation of the Academy President for 5 years period, by closed ballot and simple majority of votes. The vice-president and academician-secretary cannot be elected more than twice consecutively;
  64. In case if the President of the Academy is absent his functions shall be exercised by the vice-president;
  65. The academician-secretary of the Academy prepares General Assemblies and Presidium sessions, establishes control over the execution of the decisions of General Assemblies and Presidium, orders and decrees of the Academy President, organizes preparation of the Presidium report, and communicates with the state and other bodies of the Republic of Armenia.

## **VI. ELECTION PROCEDURE OF THE ACADEMY MEMBERS**

66. The Academy awards highest academic scientific titles of the academician (full member of the Academy) of the Academy, corresponding member of the Academy, honorary member of the Academy, foreign member of the Academy and the scientific degree of a honorary doctor of the Academy.
67. The scientific titles and the scientific degree of honorary doctor are confirmed by diplomas.
68. Academicians of the Academy are elected the scientists citizens of the Republic of Armenia, who has enriched science with works of paramount scientific importance and internationally recognized.



69. Corresponding members of the Academy are elected those scientist citizens of the Republic of Armenia, who has enriched the science with works of high scientific importance.
70. A foreign member of the Academy may be elected a world well-known scientist who has outstanding scientific results of the activities related to Armenia.
71. An honorary member of the Academy may be elected a well-known Armenian or foreign scientist, public or other figure who contributes to the activities of the Academy.
72. An honorary doctor of the Academy may be elected a famous Armenian or foreign scientist, state, public or other figure who contributes to the activities of the Academy.
73. Maximum number and the professions of full and corresponding members of the Academy are determined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia upon the recommendation of Presidium.
74. Those members of the Academy who live and work abroad for a long period of ~~and~~ time without being sent on a business trip and do not perform their statutory duties, are not included in the list of the Academy members participating in the Academy elections.
75. Academicians and corresponding members of the Academy are granted lifelong honorary award, the sum of which is determined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia. The award is granted to those members of the Academy, who live and work in the Republic of Armenia or have left abroad for business trip to up to three months period.
76. The elections of academicians and corresponding members are hold no later than once in three years.
77. The Presidium statement on holding elections is published in the press no later than 2 months before the election date.
78. The Academy academicians' candidates nomination is reserved to the Academy academicians, the Academy corresponding members' candidates nomination is reserved to the Academy academicians and corresponding members. The Academy member's candidate's nomination is reserved also to the state scientific organizations, higher educational state institutions, as well as major non-state scientific and technical centers. The candidates are nominated at the sessions of scientific, scientific and technical councils with a simple majority of votes. The candidates are nominated by profession.

79. Elections of the Academy academicians and corresponding members are hold at the General Assembly with closed ballot from the number of candidates elected by general assemblies of divisions. The number of academicians' and corresponding members' candidates elected at the divisional general assemblies must not exceed the number of vacant seats in the appropriate division.
80. Elections of the Academy foreign and honorary members are hold at the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Academy President from the number of candidates nominated by divisional general assemblies. The voting procedure is determined by the General Assembly.
81. The scientific degree of honorary doctor is awarded by Presidium upon the recommendation of divisions, with open ballot and simple majority of votes.
82. During the election of the Academy academicians' candidates the academicians of a relevant division have the right of decisive voice at the general assembly of the division.
83. During the election of the Academy corresponding members' candidates the academicians and corresponding members of a relevant division have the right of decisive voice at the general assembly of the division.
84. Joint divisional general assemblies may be hold upon the Presidium permission for the election of academicians' candidates on all or some vacancy seats provided to those divisions.
85. In case when a declared profession relates to different divisions, the decision on voting for the candidate in one or other division is delivered by Presidium.
86. In case of the absence of individual members of the division, the general list of the academicians and corresponding members participating at the divisional general assembly are specified prior to the general assembly, after which they are presented for voting.
87. In the list of the academicians and corresponding members of the Academy participating in the elections are not included those academicians and corresponding members of the Academy division, who are in abroad during the elections. In the list of voters are not included those academicians and corresponding members, whose state of health makes it impossible for them to participate in the general assembly of the division.
88. The general assembly of the division is competent to hold the election of the Academy academicians' candidates, if at least three-fourths of the academicians of that division vote.

89. The general assembly of the division is competent to hold the election of the Academy corresponding member's candidates, if at least three-fourths of the total number of the Academy members of that division vote.
90. As the Academy academician's candidate are considered to be elected those persons who got the highest number of votes at the general assembly of the division, but not less than two-third of votes of voting Academy academicians.
91. As the Academy corresponding member's candidate are considered to be elected those persons who got the highest number of votes at the general assembly of the division, but not less than two-third of votes of voting Academy academicians and corresponding members who are members of that division.
92. During the election of the Academy academicians at the General Assembly, the Academy academicians have the right of decisive voice, and during the election of the Academy corresponding members, that right is after the Academy academicians and corresponding members. During the election of the Academy academicians and corresponding members quorum and the voting process are like those in divisional general assemblies. The list of participating voters is approved by Presidium.
93. As the Academy academician is considered to be elected the person who got at least two-third of the votes of voting Academy academicians at the General Assembly.
94. As the Academy corresponding member is considered to be elected the persons who got at least two-third of the votes of voting Academy members at the General Assembly.
95. As the Academy foreign and honorary members are considered to be elected those persons who got the simple majority of votes of the Academy listed members' at the General Assembly.

## **VII. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACADEMY MEMBERS**

96. Each academician and corresponding member of the Academy can be only in one division of the Academy.
97. The Academy members have the right to rise for the consideration of division and Presidium of the scientific, scientific and organizational issues, as well as to transfer the consideration of those issues by the division and Presidium support to the the general assembly of the division and General Assembly.
98. The Academy members have the right to vote and be elected to the governing bodies of the Academy.

99. The Academy members are obliged to fulfill the decision of the Academy governing bodies, participate in performance of the Academy tasks, each year to present an annual report on their scientific, scientific and organizational activities to the division, where they are elected as the Academy members.
100. The decision of the Academy members on temporary suspension of their activities in the Academy should be coordinated in advance with the Academy Presidium.
101. By the order of the institution director the academician and corresponding member of the Academy can, without contest or election, be appointed on the office of the head of scientific department for 5 years period.
102. The long-term (10 years or more) former members of the Presidium may be perpetually approved by the Presidium decision as the Presidium advisors.
103. The long-term (10 years or more) former directors of scientific organizations may be perpetually approved by the Presidium decision as the advisors of the scientific organization directors.
104. For the advisor are kept the salary got for the appropriate last position in the Academy system and the benefits determined by the current legislation.

### **VIII. BELONGINGS AND FUNDING OF THE ACADEMY**

105. Belongings of the Academy are composed of its own property and the belongings perpetually and without indemnity assigned to it by the Government of the Republic of Armenia for ensuring the scientific activities.
106. The order of usage, possession and disposition of the belongings and the budgetary means assigned to it, as well as its own property is determined by this Statute and the founder.
107. With its means got from the business activities the Academy may obtain buildings, constructions, facilities, equipment, vehicles, communication means, land and other property, as well as property ensuring the social needs of the workers of the Academy system, such as housing fund, clinic, hotels, rest houses, pensions, camps, scientists' creating homes and other property not prohibited by law.
108. The organizations of the Academy and system are entitled to give the unused property (including real estate) under their possession for lease and use the got sum of money for solving their statutory issues.
109. The term of lease cannot be more than a year, except the cases determined by the founder.

110. The Academy cannot dispose, mortgage or give for free usage the belongings assigned to it or rights on it.
111. The Academy is entitled to lease the belongings assigned to it, if it is not prohibited by the decision of the founder or Statute. The income got from the usage of the Academy property and assigned belongings, as well as from business activities is the Academy property, which are used for the statutory purposes.
112. The Academy property is formed from the belongings assigned to it by the founder at the time of its foundation and after it, as well as from the belongings created and acquired during the Academy activities.
113. The founder doesn't have any rights on movable and immovable property owed by the Academy, except the property remained after the liquidation.
114. The Academy bears the burden of property maintenance.
115. Funding of the Academy is done from the budgetary means of the Republic of Armenia, income got from the contractual works, as well as donations of domestic and international funds, other legal entities and individuals, and other sources not prohibited by law.
116. The Academy funds are composed of:
- 1) the budgetary means of the Republic of Armenia, scientific and business activities of the Academy, including contractual works with Armenian and foreign legal entities and individuals, income got from scientific industrial activities relating to the realization of its own products;
  - 2) donations, grants and wills of legal entities and individuals (including foreigners);
  - 3) income got from the property and proprietary rights of the Academy;
  - 4) other sources not prohibited by law.
117. Involvement of additional financial sources cannot lead to the reduction of the funding sums of the Academy allocated by the state budget.
118. Within its funding the Academy decides itself the number of its workers, the order of their payment, also as the main directions of spending the issued funds in the order prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia and this Statute.
119. The issue of the funds allocated from the state budget to the organizations in the Academy system is made by the Academy.

120. In the prescribed order the Academy possesses the basic funding means allocated from the state budget of the Republic of Armenia and distributes them according to the scientific directions and scientific organization.

#### **IX. REORGANIZATION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE ACADEMY**

121. The Academy is reorganized and liquidated in the order prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

**Chief of Staff of the Government  
of the Republic of Armenia**

**D. Sargsyan**