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**CHARTER**

All-Ukrainian Association of Local Self-Governments

***"ASSOCIATION OF AMALGAMATED TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES"***

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## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1 ALL-UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENTS "ASSOCIATION OF AMALGAMATED TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES" (hereinafter referred to as the Association) is a voluntary, non-profit association of local councils of amalgamated territorial communities, created by them for the purpose of more effective exercise of their powers, coordination of actions of local self-government bodies of the appropriate level to protect the rights and interests of amalgamated territorial communities, and promote their development.
- 1.2 In its activities the Association is guided by the Constitution of Ukraine, the Law of Ukraine "On Associations of Bodies of Local Government", the Law of Ukraine "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine", the European Charter of Local Self-Government, other legislation of Ukraine and this Charter, as well as decisions made by the Governing Bodies of the Association, within their powers.
- 1.3 The Association acquires the status of a legal entity from the moment of its state registration in accordance with the procedure established by law, has its own accounts in banks, has separate property, has its own symbols, seals, stamps, letterheads, flag, other details, samples of which are approved by the Board of the Association. The symbols of the Association are registered in accordance with the procedure established by law.
- 1.4 The Association is created with all-Ukrainian status and extends its activities to the entire territory of Ukraine both through the members of the Association, its Governing Bodies, and through the Regional Branches that unite the members of the Association in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and oblasts.
- 1.5 The Association acts on the principles of voluntary participation, legality, self-government, equality and common interests of its members to implement the purpose and objectives defined by this Charter. In its statutory activities, the Association is independent of state bodies, is not accountable to them and is not controlled, except in cases provided for by law. The Association does not endorse any political party.
- 1.6 The creation of factions or other associations or groups on political grounds in the Association is prohibited.
- 1.7 The Association can join other associations, international public (non-governmental) organizations, maintain direct international contacts and relations, conclude appropriate agreements for the implementation of statutory activities, as well as participate in events that do not contradict the international obligations of Ukraine and correspond to the purpose and objectives of the Association.
- 1.8 Name of the Association:

**In Ukrainian:**

Full name: ВСУКРАЇНСЬКА АСОЦІАЦІЯ ОРГАНІВ МІСЦЕВОГО САМОВРЯДУВАННЯ «АСОЦІАЦІЯ ОБ'ЄДНАНИХ ТЕРИТОРІАЛЬНИХ ГРОМАД».  
Abbreviated name: ВАОМС «Асоціація ОТГ».

**In English:**

Full name: All-Ukrainian association of local self-governments «ASSOCIATION OF AMALGAMATED TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES».

Abbreviated name: «ASSOCIATION OF ATC» All-Ukrainian Association of l.s.g.

- 1.9 Location of the governing bodies of the Association: 01133, Kyiv, Lesi Ukrainky Boulevard, 26, office 500.

## II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

2.1 **The main purpose of the Association** is to promote the development of local self-government as one of the foundations of a democratic Ukrainian state, as well as to represent and protect the interests of members of the Association and to promote more effective exercise of their powers, coordination of actions to protect the rights and interests of amalgamated territorial communities, promotion of local and regional development.

2.2 **The main objectives of the Association are:**

- implementation of measures aimed at supporting, developing, protecting the rights and interests of members of the Association;
- representation of the interests of amalgamated territorial communities, local self-government bodies and residents of territorial communities;
- promoting the decentralization of power and the implementation of the reform of the local self-government system in Ukraine;
- formation of financially and economically viable amalgamated territorial communities, ensuring their sustainable development;
- organization of exchange of experience in the activities of local self-government bodies, study of international experience in the amalgamation of territorial communities and solving problems of their development;
- creation of effective mechanisms for the exchange of information between amalgamated territorial communities;
- promoting transparency and openness in the activities of local self-government bodies;
- promoting the development of basic civil society institutions at the local level;
- dissemination of successful experience and knowledge in community development planning, development and implementation of local programs, use and development of local resources;
- promoting the development of cooperation between local self-government bodies and international organizations, regional structures of local self-government of foreign states, and their associations.
- provision of information, consultations and other services in the field of informatization, software development and other intellectual property objects, also by order or jointly with state bodies, local governments, granting and obtaining property rights to intellectual property rights.

2.3 **To achieve its purpose and objectives, the Association carries out the following activities:**

- performs analytical, expert, research, organizational and managerial activities;
- interacts with state authorities on the development of local self-government, represents the interests of members of the Association in these bodies;
- independently or with the help of involved specialists, provides expert, consulting, legal support for the representation and/or protection of the rights and interests of local self-government bodies and their officials in courts of all instances, state authorities and local self-government bodies of other levels;

- organizes and conducts conferences, seminars, round tables, presentations, competitions, forums, meetings, disputes, trainings and other information and educational events;
- analyzes statistical information on the development of amalgamated territorial communities, conducts surveys and research in order to obtain statistical data, prepares comparative statistical information, and uses the data obtained;
- promotes the development and implementation of new technologies, equipment and methods of labor organization in the life support systems of settlements and various spheres of public utilities, the receipt of investments in their development;
- disseminates domestic and attracts international experience in the field of municipal management;
- forms databases and summarizes experience on the activities of local self-government bodies, develops the best forms of implementation of current legislation, ensures the exchange of experience in the field of implementation of effective structures of local management;
- organizes meetings of mayors of territorial communities, other leaders and officials of local self-government bodies to exchange experience, discuss existing problems and ways to solve them, develop common approaches and recommendations on certain issues of life support of settlements (communal property, finance, use of land and natural resources, transport and communications, energy saving, environmental protection, education, culture and sports, health care, etc.);
- prepares its own proposals for draft regulatory documents aimed at ensuring the process of reforming the system of local self-government, territories, municipal management;
- organizes and conducts competitions, exhibitions, fairs and other cultural and artistic events;
- establishes mass media, carries out publishing activities;
- organizes and conducts various actions, develops and ensures the implementation of projects and programs aimed at ensuring the professional realization of members of the Association, as well as informing about the statutory tasks of the Association;
- initiates, participates in the organization and conduct of scientific research that is of interest to the professional, scientific development of members of the Association and is aimed at fulfilling the statutory tasks;
- prepares and publishes, within the framework of these events, projects, programs and actions, information products in printed and electronic form, on audio and video media, distributes them among members of the Association, interested persons and organizations;
- creates, supports, periodically replenishes and publishes databases with information that is of interest to the professional, scientific development of the Association members and thematically meets the statutory tasks of the Association;
- interacts with public and trade union organizations, local self-government bodies, other state and non-state institutions on the protection of the rights and interests of territorial communities and local self-government bodies, their officials;
- interacts and cooperates with research and analytical organizations, foundations, including foreign ones, public authorities, other legal entities and individuals who contribute to the achievement of the statutory purpose and the fulfillment of the statutory objectives of the Association;
- participates in the implementation of projects that are implemented with the assistance of foreign countries and international organizations and are aimed at the development of local self-government and strengthening democracy in Ukraine.

2.4 The Association exercises the powers established by law for all-Ukrainian associations of local self-government bodies.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **3.1 Membership in the Association.**

Membership in the Association is voluntary and fixed.

Members of the Association can be local self-government bodies of amalgamated territorial communities.

Representation of members in the Association and in its Governing Bodies is carried out by the village, settlement, city mayor (mayors of amalgamated territorial communities) or another person authorized by the decision of the relevant local council. Each member of the Association has the right to change the person representing it at any time, which must be notified to the Association in writing.

One member of the Association has one vote.

Members of the Association, who have arrears in the payment of membership fees for more than twelve months, as well as their representatives in any statutory bodies of the Association, participate in the activities of the Association with the right of an advisory vote until the date of full repayment of such arrears.

#### **3.2 Joining the Association.**

Admission to the Association is carried out by the Board of the Association on the basis of the decision of the council of the amalgamated territorial community. The decision on membership is considered to be made if more than half of the members of the Board voted for it.

#### **3.3 Rights of members of the Association.**

Members of the Association have the right to:

- 1) participate in the work of the Association and its Governing Bodies;
- 2) elect and be elected to the Governing Bodies of the Association;
- 3) receive services from the Association;
- 4) use the name "Member of the Association of Amalgamated Territorial Communities" and its official symbols;
- 5) submit proposals for the activities of the Association.
- 6) use other rights defined by the Charter and decisions of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.

#### **3.4 Responsibilities of members of the Association.**

Members of the Association are obliged to:

- 1) comply with the requirements of this Charter of the Association;
- 2) take an active part in the activities of the Association;
- 3) pay membership fees in a timely manner and in full;
- 4) notify the Board of the Association of the termination of participation in the Association on the basis of a duly approved decision of the local self-government body no later than 15 days after the relevant decision.

#### **3.5 Termination of membership in the Association.**

The General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association has the right to expel a member from the Association at the request of the Board in the following cases:

- 1) violation by a member of the Association of the requirements of the Charter;
- 2) committing actions or inaction, making decisions that are incompatible with the purpose of the Association;

- 3) committing actions that cause property or non-property damage to the Association;
- 4) non-participation in the activities of the Association during the previous 12 months.

A copy of the decision shall be sent to the relevant local self-government body within ten working days.

- 3.6 Any complaints about decisions, actions or inaction of the Association's bodies related to the acquisition and termination of membership, the rights and obligations of members, are considered by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.

#### **IV. GOVERNING BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 4.1 The statutory bodies of the Association are:

- 1) General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association;
- 2) Board of the Association;
- 3) Chairperson of the Association;
- 4) Association Council;
- 5) Executive Director of the Association;
- 6) Audit Committee of the Association.

The statutory bodies of the Association have the right to create and terminate permanent and temporary subsidiary bodies of the Association.

#### **4.2 The General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association:**

- 4.2.1 The supreme governing body of the Association is the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.

By the decision of the Board of the Association, the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association may be held in the form of a Congress of Delegates of authorized representatives of the amalgamated territorial communities – members of the Association, which are elected at the meeting of the Regional Branches of the Association of each region, one delegate from five amalgamated territorial communities – members of the Association of the region, but not more than 10 delegates from the region. If there are less than five members of the Association in the region, one delegate is elected from the region (hereinafter: the Congress of Delegates);

The General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association cannot be held in the form of the Congress of Delegates if the Association has less than 300 members.

By the decision of the Board of the Association, the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association may be held in the form of a video conference. In the case of holding a meeting in the form of a video conference, open voting takes place during the meeting by means of electronic voting, which allows to identify the person voting and the method of voting. In the case of a secret ballot, the expression of will is carried out with a guarantee of anonymity of votes.

The procedure for holding the Association's events in the form of video conferencing is regulated by a separate provision approved by the Board of the Association.

- 4.2.2 The General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association is authorized if more than half of the authorized representatives of the amalgamated territorial communities – members

of the Association from the total number of members of the Association (more than half of the elected delegates of the Congress) participate in it.

- 4.2.3 Decisions of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association are made by a simple majority of votes of the Association members present at the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association (more than half of the present delegates of the Congress), unless otherwise provided by this Charter.
- 4.2.4 The Ordinary General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association is convened at least once every two years. The decision to convene the next General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association is made by the Board of the Association.
- 4.2.5 Extraordinary General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association is convened by the decision of the Board of the Association at the request of the Audit Committee of the Association or at the request of at least one third of the members of the Association. The Extraordinary General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association is convened within one month from the date of its initiation.
- 4.2.6 The decision of the Board of the Association to convene the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, the list of issues proposed for consideration, is sent to the members of the Association no later than two weeks before the date of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.
- 4.2.7 At the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, before the election of the Chairperson of the Association and in the event that the Chairperson of the Association is absent from the meeting or for other reasons cannot preside at the meeting of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, the chairperson elected from among those present at the General Assembly is presided over the Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association of authorized representatives of amalgamated territorial communities - members of the Association (delegates of the Congress).
- 4.2.8 General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association:
  - 1) adopt the Charter of the Association, make changes and additions to it;
  - 2) determine the main directions of the Association's activities, consider and approve the development strategy and long-term programs of the Association;
  - 3) establish the amount of membership fees, the procedure for their calculation and payment;
  - 4) elect the Chairperson of the Association, members of the Board of the Association, Chairpersons of thematic and sectoral platforms of the Association.
  - 5) elect the Audit Committee of the Association;
  - 6) elect the Board of the Association;
  - 7) consider and approve the report of the Board of the Association, the Audit Commission of the Association;
  - 8) make decisions on expulsion from the Association;
  - 9) make decisions on the formation of separate subdivisions;
  - 10) make decisions on the formation of thematic and sectoral platforms of the Association;
  - 11) make decisions on the liquidation or reorganization of the Association, create a liquidation commission;

- 12) make decisions on any issues of the Association's activities, including those that are referred by this Charter or transferred by the decision of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association to the competence of other Governing Bodies of the Association.

4.2.9 Appointment (election) to positions in the Governing Bodies of the Association is carried out in compliance with the representation of candidates of each gender. In order to ensure equal rights and opportunities for women and men in the Governing Bodies of the Association, it is allowed to apply positive actions within the meaning of the Law of Ukraine "On Ensuring Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men".

### **4.3 Council of the Association.**

4.3.1. The Council of the Association is an advisory body of the Association, which acts to coordinate and improve the effectiveness of the Association. A city, settlement, village mayor (mayor of the amalgamated territorial community) - a representative of a member of the Association - can be elected as a member of the Association. The Council of the Association is chaired by the Chairperson of the Association.

4.3.2. The form of work of the Council of the Association is a meeting. Regular meetings of the Council of the Association are held at least once every six months. The order and venue of the next regular meeting shall be determined at the current meeting of the Council by voting. Meetings of the Association Council may be held in the form of a video conference. In the case of holding a meeting in the form of a video conference, open voting takes place during the meeting by means of electronic voting, which allows to identify the person voting and the method of voting.

The procedure for holding the Association's events in the form of video conferencing is regulated by a separate provision approved by the Board of the Association.

4.3.3. An extraordinary meeting of the Council may be convened by the Chairperson of the Association on his own initiative or at the request of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, the Board of the Association.

4.3.4. The meeting of the Association Council must be convened by the Chairperson of the Association no later than 5 working days after receiving the relevant request from the initiator of the Council meeting. The request to hold a meeting should contain a list of issues to be included in the agenda.

4.3.5. The Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the Association, the Executive Director of the Association can take part in the meetings of the Association Council with the right of an advisory vote.

4.3.6. A meeting of the Association Council is duly constituted if it is attended by more than half of its members. Each member of the Council has one vote.

4.3.7. The decision at the meeting of the Association Council is made by open voting and is considered adopted if more than half of those present at the meeting of the Association Council voted for it.

#### 4.3.8. Formation of the Council of the Association:

The quantitative and personal composition of the Association Council is approved by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association on the basis of candidates from the members of the Association on a territorial basis (one oblast - one representative).

The term of office of each member of the Association Council is 3 (three) years with the possibility of re-election.

The Council of the Association consists of:

- Chairperson of the Association.

#### 4.3.9. To perform the tasks assigned to it, the Association Council is vested with the following powers:

- 1) fulfillment of the statutory objectives of the Association at the regional level;
- 2) discussion and formulation of the main problems of the activities and development of local self-government and decentralisation in Ukraine;
- 3) providing the Board of the Association and the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association with recommendations and advice on solving the main problems of the activities of the amalgamated territorial communities;
- 4) development of draft regulations and draft amendments to existing regulations aimed at improving the legal regulation of the activities of amalgamated territorial communities;
- 5) development of draft amendments to the Charter and internal documents of the Association;
- 6) development of ethical standards of conduct for members of the Association;
- 7) implementation of other actions to support the activities of the Association.

### 4.4 Board of the Association:

4.4.1. In the period between the meetings of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, the Board of the Association is the supreme governing and executive body of the Association.

4.4.2. The quantitative and personal composition of the Board of the Association is approved by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.

A city, settlement, village mayor (mayor of the territorial community) - a representative of a member of the Association - can be elected as a member of the Association Board.

The Board of the Association consists of:

- Chairperson of the Association;
- Chairpersons of the Association's thematic platforms;
- Chairpersons of the Association's sectoral platforms;
- Members of the Council of the Association.

4.4.3. At its first meeting, the Board of the Association distributes responsibilities among the members of the Board and elects two Deputy Chairpersons of the Association from among its members, as well as determines the rules and procedures that govern the activities of the Board.

4.4.4. The Board of the Association is responsible for planning and conducting the activities of the Association in accordance with the areas of activity determined by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.

- 4.4.5. The Board of the Association is headed by the Chairperson of the Association.
- 4.4.6. The form of work of the Board of the Association is a meeting. Meetings of the Board of the Association are convened at least once every three months by the decision of the Chairperson of the Association or at the request of at least 1/3 of the members of the Board of the Association.
- 4.4.7. The decision to hold a regular meeting of the Board of the Association and the agenda are sent to the members of the Board of the Association no later than 5 days before the meeting.  
Holding an extraordinary meeting of the Board of the Association can be initiated by the Chairperson of the Association, or at least 1/3 of the members of the Board of the Association.  
The meetings of the Board of the Association are attended with the right of an advisory vote by the Chairperson of the Audit Commission of the Association or, on his behalf, a member of this Commission, the Executive Director of the Association.
- 4.4.8. A meeting of the Board of the Association is duly constituted if it is attended by more than half of its members. Each member of the Board of the Association has one vote.  
Meetings of the Board may be held in the form of a video conference. In the case of holding a meeting of the Board in the form of a video conference, open voting takes place during the meeting by means of electronic voting, which allows to identify the person voting and the method of voting.  
The procedure for holding the Association's events in the form of video conferencing is regulated by a separate provision approved by the Board of the Association.
- 4.4.9. The decision at the meeting of the Board of the Association is made by open voting and is considered adopted if more than half of the Board of the Association voted for it.
- 4.4.10. The term of office of the members of the Board of the Association is 3 years with the right of re-election.
- 4.4.11. Board of the Association:
- 1) represents the interests of the Association in communication with external partners;
  - 2) formulates the strategic vision and conclusions of the Association after consultations with the members of the Association;
  - 3) approves the annual plans and programs of work of the Association in accordance with the Main Activities and Development Strategy of the Association, determined by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association;
  - 4) approves the annual budget of the Association;
  - 5) convenes the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, submits proposals on their agenda, prepares draft decisions on issues submitted for discussion;
  - 6) ensures the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association and its own decisions;
  - 7) reports to the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association on its activities in the period between the next General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association and submits annual reports on the results of its activities for approval;
  - 8) submits to the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association a submission on the termination of membership in the Association;
  - 10) appoints and dismisses the Executive Director of the Association

- 11) approves the structure and staffing of the Association's employees, the amount of expenses for its maintenance;
- 12) considers proposals for financing specific activities, programs, projects, etc., in the process of budget implementation;
- 13) listens to the annual reports of the Executive Director of the Association;
- 14) appoints persons authorized to conclude agreements on behalf of the Association, as well as to act on behalf of the Association in relations with state authorities, local governments and their associations, including international enterprises, institutions and organizations, and associations of citizens;
- 15) makes decisions on the establishment of mass media and other legal entities in accordance with the procedure established by the current legislation of Ukraine and this Charter;
- 16) approves the description and procedure for the use of the symbols of the Association;
- 17) approves the form and description of the certificate of a member of the Association;
- 18) decides on the awards of the Association and approves the regulations on them;
- 19) resolves other issues aimed at the implementation of the purpose and objectives of the Association.

#### **4.5 Chairperson of the Association.**

4.5.1. The Chairperson of the Association is elected by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association for a term of three years with the right of re-election. A city, settlement, village mayor (mayor of an amalgamated territorial community), who has been elected to leadership positions in local self-government bodies at least twice, may be elected as the Chairperson of the Association. The Chairperson of the Association exercises his powers on a voluntary basis.

4.5.2. Powers of the Chairperson of the Association:

- 1) organizes the activities of the Board of the Association and the Council of the Association for the implementation of decisions of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association and the Board of the Association, distributes responsibilities among the members of the Board of the Association;
- 2) without a power of attorney represents the Association in relations with state authorities and local self-government bodies, enterprises, institutions, organizations, political parties, public and trade union, international and foreign organizations;
- 3) chairs the meetings of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, the Board and the Council of the Association;
- 4) signs the decisions of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association and the decisions of the Board of the Association;
- 5) signs memoranda and cooperation agreements on behalf of the Association;
- 6) submits proposals to the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association regarding the numerical and personal composition of the Board of the Association, early termination of powers of the members of the Board of the Association;
- 7) submits proposals for consideration of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association on the main activities of the Association;
- 8) reports to the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association on the activities of the Board of the Association in the period between the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association;

- 9) decides on awarding the Association's awards in accordance with the regulations on the Association's awards.
- 4.5.3. The powers of the Chairperson of the Association are terminated:
- 1) from the moment of assuming the office of the newly elected Chairperson;
  - 2) ahead of schedule in the following cases:
    - a) voluntary resignation accepted by the Board of the Association;
    - b) violation of the requirements of the Charter of the Association;
    - c) committing actions that discredit or harm the Association.
- 4.5.4. The decision on early termination of powers of the Chairperson of the Association is made by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.
- 4.5.5. The powers of the Chairperson of the Association are terminated from the day following the day of approval by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the decision to elect another person as the Chairperson of the Association.

#### **4.6 Executive Director of the Association.**

- 4.6.1 The Executive Director of the Association is appointed and dismissed by the Board of the Association on the proposal of the Chairperson of the Association for a period of four years.
- 4.6.2 The Executive Director of the Association independently, as well as through hired employees:
- 1) ensures organizational, legal, informational, financial, economic and other activities of the Association, its governing bodies, implementation of their decisions, provided for by this Charter and not prohibited by current legislation for non-profit organizations.
  - 2) carries out organizational, financial and economic activities, uses accounts, seal and stamps of the Association.
  - 3) implements the current activities of the Association in accordance with this Charter;
  - 4) distributes responsibilities among the employees of the Association;
  - 5) forms the structure and staffing table of the Association's employees and submits it for approval to the Board of the Association;
  - 6) hires and dismisses employees of the Association, about which it issues orders that are mandatory for full-time employees;
  - 7) submits for approval to the Board of the Association an estimate of costs for the maintenance of the Association's activities;
  - 8) signs contracts on behalf of the Association for the implementation of financial and economic activities of the Association;
  - 9) manages the funds and property of the Association;
  - 10) provides storage of documents of the Association;
  - 11) submits claims and lawsuits against legal entities and individuals on behalf of the Association in accordance with current legislation;
  - 12) organizes the implementation of decisions of the governing bodies of the Association, treaties, agreements and contracts;
  - 13) prepares draft budget of the Association and ensures its implementation, prepares reports on financial and economic activities;
  - 14) collects, systematizes and analyzes the proposals of the Association's members on the development of local self-government;

- 15) develops draft decisions of the governing bodies of the Association and prepares other materials for their consideration;
- 16) organizes advisory, methodological and educational assistance;
- 17) studies and disseminates best practices in the effective implementation of local self-government, organizes the exchange of experience, holds conferences, exhibitions, expositions, meetings, seminars;
- 18) carries out centralized information support of members of the Association and publishing activities to provide members of the Association with reference, consultative, methodological materials and other materials;
- 19) develops the material and technical base of the Association;
- 20) performs other functions aimed at ensuring the fulfillment of the tasks of the Association provided for by this Charter;
- 21) without a power of attorney represents the Association in relations with state authorities and local governments, enterprises, institutions, organizations, political parties, public and trade union, international and foreign organizations.

#### **4.7 Audit Committee of the Association**

- 4.7.1. The Audit Committee of the Association controls the financial and economic activities of the Association.
- 4.7.2. The Chairperson and members of the Audit Committee of the Association are elected by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association by open voting for a term of three years. The quantitative and personal composition of the Audit Committee of the Association is determined by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.
- 4.7.3. The Audit Committee of the Association is accountable only to the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.
- 4.7.4. Meetings of the Audit Committee are held at least once a year.
- 4.7.5. The Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the Association or, on his behalf, a member of the Audit Committee of the Association has the right to attend all events of the Board with the right of an advisory vote.
- 4.7.6. Audit Committee of the Association:
  - 1) controls the implementation of the budget, the use of funds, property of the Association;
  - 2) verifies the accounting and reporting of the Association;
  - 3) conducts at least once a year regular inspections of the economic and financial activities of the Association as a whole, as well as extraordinary inspections - by decision of the governing bodies of the Association;
  - 4) informs the Chairperson of the Association, the Board of the Association, the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association of the results of inspections in the form of written reports (minutes);
  - 5) considers complaints and appeals of members of the Association;

- 6) considers internal conflict situations and submits its recommendations on them for consideration by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, the Chairperson of the Association and the Board of the Association;
  - 7) reports during the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association on its activities.
- 4.8. Early termination of powers of members of the Audit Committee of the Association, the Board of the Association, and the Council of the Association is possible in the following cases:
- (a) the death of a member of the body concerned;
  - (b) voluntary resignation;
  - (c) violation of the Charter of the Association.
- 4.9. In case of termination of the powers of the mayor of the community, as a representative of a member of the Association in the relevant community, his powers as a member of the Audit Committee of the Association, the Board and the Council of the Association expire at the next General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.
- 4.10. By the decision of the Board of the Association, permanent representatives of the Association in public authorities may be elected from among persons who have worked in local self-government bodies and/or have made a significant contribution to its development and the development of local self-government in Ukraine, with their consent.
- 4.11. By the decision of the Board of the Association, individuals and legal entities – partners of the Association can receive observer status with the right of an advisory vote.
- 4.12. Decisions, actions or inaction of the bodies or elected officials of the Association may be appealed by any member of the Association within six months after the complainant learned or should have known about the relevant decisions, actions or inaction of the body or elected official of the Association.
- Complaints against decisions, actions, inaction of the Executive Director may be submitted to the Board of the Association or submitted for consideration by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.
- 4.13. A member of the Association does not have the right to vote when the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association resolves issues regarding the execution of a transaction with him and regarding a dispute between him and the Association.

## **V. FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 5.1 The Association may own funds and other property necessary for the fulfillment of the statutory objectives.
- 5.2 The sources of funds and property of the Association are:
- 1) membership fees of members of the Association;
  - 2) targeted contributions for the implementation of individual activities and projects (deductions from local budgets of the Association's members);

- 3) grants or subsidies from the state or local budgets, charitable (including humanitarian) assistance from legal entities and individuals of Ukraine and foreign persons, technical assistance;
  - 4) passive income;
  - 5) other sources allowed by the current legislation of Ukraine for non-profit organizations, and which do not lead to the loss of the non-profit sign.
- 5.3. The Association independently owns, uses and disposes of its own movable and immovable property, funds, equipment, structures, vehicles and other property, the acquisition of which is not prohibited by the legislation of Ukraine.
  - 5.4. Incomes (profits) of the Association or parts thereof are used exclusively for the fulfillment of the statutory objectives of the Association, the implementation of the purpose (goals, objectives) and directions of activity defined by the Charter of the Association, the maintenance of personnel and material and technical support of the Association's activities. Received incomes (profits) or parts thereof are not subject to distribution among the founders (participants), members of the organization, employees (except for remuneration of their work, accrual of a single social contribution), members of the Management Bodies and other persons related to them.
  - 5.5. The functions of the owner of funds and property are carried out by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association in the manner prescribed by this Charter.
  - 5.6. The Executive Director of the Association, in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association and the decisions of the Board of the Association, manages the funds and property of the Association.
  - 5.7. Losses caused to the Association as a result of violation of its property rights by citizens, legal entities are compensated in the manner prescribed by law.
  - 5.8. The Association maintains accounting records and established state reporting, pays taxes in accordance with current legislation, forms and maintains an archive.
  - 5.9. In order to fulfill the statutory objectives, the Association may establish enterprises (societies) in accordance with the procedure established by law, create establishments, institutions or organizations, including funds for municipal development and social support of employees of local self-government bodies.
  - 5.10. The Association is not responsible for the obligations of its members, legal entities, the founder of which it is, and the members of the Association and these legal entities are not responsible for the obligations of the Association.
  - 5.11. In case of termination of the Association (as a result of its liquidation, merger, division, accession or transformation), its assets cannot be redistributed among the members of the Association, and must be transferred to one or more non-profit organizations of the appropriate type or included in the budget income, unless otherwise provided by the law regulating the activities of the non-profit organization. In the event of reorganization of the Association, its property, assets and liabilities are transferred to the successor.

5.12. The amount of membership fees of the Association is:

<b>Number (ATC residents)</b>	<b>Fee, UAH</b>
up to 10 thousand	Two minimum wages
from 10 thousand up to 20 thousand	Three minimum wages
more than 20 thousand	Four minimum wages

Membership fees are paid by members of the Association annually in the appropriate amount of the minimum wage established by law as of January 1 of the calendar year.

## **VI. SEPARATE SUBDIVISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 6.1 The Association may form branches, representative offices, departments, and other separate subdivisions in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation.
- 6.2 Branches, departments, representative offices and other separate subdivisions of the Association are separate subdivisions located outside the location of the Association and represent and protect the interests of the Association, all or part of the functions of the Association.
- 6.3 Decisions on the formation or termination of separate subdivisions are made by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association of ATCs. The procedure for the activities of separate subdivisions is determined by the Regulations approved by the Board of the Association.

## **VII. REGIONAL BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 7.1 Regional Branches of the All-Ukrainian Association of Local Self-Governments "ASSOCIATION OF AMALGAMATED TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES" (hereinafter referred to as the Regional Branch of the Association) are structural subdivisions of the Association and are formed in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and oblasts for the purpose of effective implementation of the purpose and objectives of the Association, ensuring coordination of members of the Association and their voluntary associations to protect the rights and common interests of the amalgamated territorial communities, implementation of decisions of the Governing bodies of the Association.
- 7.2 Regional Branches of the Association are formed provided that there are at least three members of the Association in the relevant region, who initiate its creation before the Association.

## **VIII. THEMATIC AND SECTORAL PLATFORMS**

- 8.1 Thematic and sectoral platforms of the Association are permanent consultative and advisory bodies of the Association, which are formed by the decision of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, in order to prepare proposals for the formation and implementation of the Association's policy in a certain sector or topic.

- 8.2. The Chairpersons of the Platforms are elected for a term of three years with the right to be re-elected.
- 8.3 The order of activity of thematic and sectoral platforms of the Association is determined by the Regulations, approved by the decision of the Board of the Association.
- 8.4 Elections of the Chairpersons of thematic and sectoral platforms of the Association are held by secret ballot.

## **IX. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

- 9.1 The Association, in accordance with its statutory objectives, carries out international relations and activities in the manner prescribed by this Charter, the current legislation of Ukraine.
- 9.2 The international activity of the Association is carried out through participation in international projects, the work of international organizations, as well as other forms that do not contradict the legislation of Ukraine, norms and principles of international law.
- 9.3 When carrying out international activities, the Association enjoys the full scope of rights and obligations of a legal entity.
- 9.4 The Association:
  - 1) organizes the exchange of delegations, organizes conferences, exhibitions, fairs with the participation of foreign partners, sends its representatives to participate in relevant events outside Ukraine;
  - 2) conducts research together with foreign organizations in accordance with the directions of its activities, publishes their results;
  - 3) implements other joint programs and projects with the participation of foreign partners and international organizations, which does not contradict the current legislation of Ukraine.

## **X. TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 10.1 Termination of the Association may take place through its reorganization (merger, accession, division, transformation) or liquidation.
- 10.2 Decisions on termination of the Association are made by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, if more than 75% of the votes of the participants of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association (75% of elected delegates of the Congress) voted for the relevant decisions.
- 10.3 Liquidation of the Association is carried out by the Liquidation Commission, which is formed by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association or by court decision in cases determined by the current legislation.
- 10.4 In case of termination of the Association (as a result of its liquidation, merger, division, accession or transformation), its property and funds and other assets cannot be redistributed among the members of the Association, and must be transferred to one or more non-profit

organizations of the appropriate type or included in the budget income, unless otherwise provided by the law regulating the activities of the non-profit organization.

10.5 Termination of the Association is considered to be completed from the date of making the relevant entry in the Unified State Register.

## **XI. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHARTER**

11.1 Decisions on making changes and additions to the Charter of the Association are made by the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, if more than 75% of the votes of the participants of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association (75% of the elected delegates of the Congress) voted for the relevant decisions.

11.2 Changes and additions to the Charter are made by the decision of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association, and are registered in accordance with the procedure established by the current legislation.

11.3 The new edition of the Charter is set out in writing, stitched, numbered and signed by the Chairperson and Secretary of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates) of the Association.

### **SIGNATURES:**

Chairman of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates)

O.O.Korinnyi

Secretary of the General Assembly (Congress of Delegates)

V.D.Poltavets