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*Establishment of an INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM ACADEMY  
and arrangement of relevant issues*

THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

We hereby promulgate the following law passed by Parliament:

Article 1

1. An "INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM ACADEMY" is hereby established, with the object of studying the phenomenon of freedom from an institutional, philosophical, historical, scientific, social and any other point of view, as well as of promoting educational actions and undertaking international promotion activities.
2. The International Freedom Academy shall be a legal person in private law supervised by the Minister of Culture.
3. The International Freedom Academy shall be domiciled in the Sacred City of Missolonghi.
4. Issues relating to the membership of the International Freedom Academy, the organisation, operation, resources, financial management and any other relevant issue shall be arranged by a Presidential Decree issued on a proposal from the Minister of Economy and Finance and the Minister of Culture. This Presidential Decree may provide that specific issues shall be governed by the bylaws of the International Freedom Academy, approved by a decision of the Minister of Culture.
5. The public benefit foundation "ELEFTHERIOS K. VENIZELOS National Research Foundation", whose establishment and Administration and Management Statute were ratified by Law

2841/2000 (Government Gazette 203A) and which currently operates, shall be a legal person in private law pursuing cultural objects and supervised by the Minister of Culture. By a joint decision of the Minister of Economy and Finance and the Minister of Culture, the said foundation may become subject to the tax regime governing the Benaki Museum (Law 4599/1930) and the Prehistoric and Classical Art Research Foundation (Law 1610/1986), and any relevant issue may be arranged.

Article 2

This law shall take effect as from its publication in the Government Gazette.

We order the publication hereof in the Government Gazette and its enforcement as law of the State.

Athens, 13 February 2003

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
KONSTANTINOS STEPHANOPOULOS

THE MINISTERS

N. CHRISTODOULAKIS	E. VENIZELOS
MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE	MINISTER OF CULTURE

*Certified and affixed with the Great Seal of State.*

Athens, 19 February 2003

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
F. PETSALNIKOS

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PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER 108

*Organisation and operation of the  
INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM ACADEMY*

THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

Having regard to:

1. the provisions of:
  - a) Article 1 of Law 3113/2003 “Establishment of an INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM ACADEMY and arrangement of relevant issues” (Government Gazette A42); b) Article 90 of Presidential Decree 63/2005 “Codification of the legislation on the Government and Government Organs” (Government Gazette A98);
2. decision No. 37930/DIOE 1264/14.10.2005 “Determination of the powers of the Deputy Ministers of Economy and Finance” (Government Gazette B1432);
3. the fact that the government budget shall incur expenses because of the provisions hereof, since the Academy may receive government grants, for which a relevant appropriation shall be entered in the Budget of the Ministry of Culture (Agency 21-110, Code 2500); and
4. opinions Nos. 20/2006 and 96/2006 of the Supreme Administrative Court, on a proposal from the Deputy

Minister of Economy and Finance and the Minister of Culture, we hereby decide:

#### Article 1

##### Form, Name, Domicile, Seal

1. The International Freedom Academy, which was established by Article 1(1) of Law 3113/2003 (Government Gazette A42), shall be a legal person in private law domiciled in Missolonghi, Sacred City of Freedom, and supervised by the Minister of Culture (Article 1(2) of Law 3113/2003).
2. Its seal shall be round, bearing a circular inscription “International Freedom Academy” with an image of Liberty at the centre.

#### Article 2

##### Objects

The objects of the International Freedom Academy shall be to:

1. study and research the phenomenon of freedom from an institutional, philosophical, historical, scientific, social and any other point of view;
2. cooperate with universities and cultural institutions in general, in Greece and abroad;
3. organises conferences, lectures, seminars and any educational events for educators, students of all levels and citizens in general;
4. undertake activities in education areas in the context of the education legislation and the objects of the International Freedom Academy;

5. cooperate with philosophers, scientists and personalities of the letters and the arts for the promotion of educational actions and the international promotion of freedom;
6. cooperate with international organisations and peer bodies of the UN Member States;
7. establish a permanent conference centre, with a focus on conferences on the spectacular development of medical science, notably biology, which is associated with freedom, bioethics and human rights;
8. organise a library and compile literature by collecting, recording and classifying books, journals and printed material concerning freedom across time; organise sections of sound recordings, photos, films and works of art on freedom; once digitalised, this material shall be available through modern information and telecommunication technologies (the internet, multimedia etc.);
9. establish an International Museum on Nations' Freedom, which shall focus on nations' historical struggles for freedom, in cooperation with each state; the museum material concerning Greece shall be allocated to two sections, one concerning Greek history and the other the history of Missolonghi, Sacred City of Freedom;
10. establish the "Eleftheria" International Cultural and Sport Events, through which the cultural values of freedom shall be promoted;
11. award International Freedom Prizes to personalities in politics, philosophy, history, science, and the arts and letters in general, as well as to universities, cultural institutions and organisations promoting the idea of freedom;

12. grant scholarships by a decision of the Senate, for the promotion of studies on freedom; and

13. erect, following an international competition, a Statue of Liberty.

### Article 3

#### Membership

1. The membership of the International Freedom Academy shall include elected personalities in philosophy, science, the letters and the arts. The International Freedom Academy shall have regular, corresponding, honorary members and members for life. The regular membership shall comprise 21 Greeks and ten foreigners.

2. Regular members, except for the founding members of the International Freedom Academy referred to in Article 17 below, shall be elected by the Plenum.

3. Regular members shall have the title “Academic of the International Freedom Academy”. Corresponding and honorary members shall have the titles “Corresponding Member of the International Freedom Academy” and “Honorary Member of the International Freedom Academy” respectively.

4. Regular members shall participate in the Plenum with voting rights. Corresponding and honorary members shall participate in the Plenum meetings without voting rights.

### Article 4

#### Administration Bodies

The administration bodies of the International Freedom Academy shall be the Plenum and the Senate.

### Article 5

#### Plenum

1. The Plenum shall be the supreme body of the International Freedom Academy and shall have jurisdiction on all the matters of operation and action, other than those reserved for the Senate, the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary-General.
2. The Plenum shall convene every semester following a thirty-day notice to its members by the Senate, and all the members of the International Freedom Academy shall attend. In every meeting, a presiding board shall be elected for the transaction of business.
3. The Plenum shall be in quorum provided that more than half of its regular members are present. If there is no quorum, the Plenum shall meet within 15 days and shall transact its business validly no matter how many members are present.
4. Every five years the Plenum shall elect a new five-member Senate. The President, the Vice-President and the Secretary-General shall be elected directly by the Plenum.
5. In its ordinary annual meeting, the Plenum shall:
  - a) approve or dismiss the ex-post report for the previous year and the budget for the next year, after taking into account the activities report of the Senate and releasing its members of any liability; and
  - b) discuss and decide on all the items on the agenda.
6. The decisions of the Plenum shall be made by the majority of the members in attendance.
7. Any member may also vote as proxy on behalf another member who is prevented from attending the Plenum's meeting.

8. Votes shall be conducted by a show of hands, other than on personal matters, approval of the ex-post report, election of regular, corresponding and honorary members and election of members of the Senate.

9. Where deemed advisable or necessary, the Senate may convoke an extraordinary meeting of the Plenum to discuss a specific matter. Issues relating to the convocation, quorum, meeting and making of decisions shall be governed by the provisions on ordinary meetings. Extraordinary meetings shall also be convoked in the event of death or resignation of the President, the Vice-President or the Secretary-General for the election of replacements.

10. For the accomplishment of the objects of the International Freedom Academy, the Plenum may establish committees, consisting of members or non-members. The organisation and operation of the Committees shall be governed by its Bylaws.

11. In the event of death or resignation of a member of the Plenum after it has been formed into a body, such member shall be replaced by the Plenum.

12. A member of the Plenum that is absent without justification from four consecutive meetings shall be considered to have tacitly resigned and shall be replaced by the Plenum. Representation of a member by proxy shall not be considered an unjustified absence.

13. Membership of the International Freedom Academy shall not be transferred and bequeathed.

## Article 6

### Senate



1. The International Freedom Academy shall be governed by a five-member Senate, composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-General and two members.
2. In the event of resignation or death of a Senate member, such member shall be replaced by the runners-up in the Plenum election according to their ranking.
3. The Senate shall transact its business validly provided that at least three members are present and shall decide by a majority of the members in attendance.
4. The Senate shall meet at least once a month or whenever deemed necessary by the President or if three members request the President in writing to convoke a meeting.
5. A member of the Senate that is absent without justification from four consecutive meetings shall be considered to have tacitly resigned and shall be replaced according to the provision of para. 2 above.

#### Article 7

##### Powers of the Senate

The Senate shall have the power to:

1. govern the International Freedom Academy and administer its affairs and property according to the law, this Presidential Decree and the Bylaws, and ensure the achievement of its objects;
2. convoke Plenum meetings according to the provisions of Article 5;
3. prepare the annual ex-post report and budget;
4. implement the decisions of the Plenum;
5. hire and dismiss the staff under any labour relation and generally act on any matters concerning the operation

and activities of the Academy, other than those reserved for the Plenum;

6. appoint one of its members to replace the Secretary-General in the event that the latter is prevented from discharging his duties; and

7. prepare its Rules of Procedure, which shall be endorsed by the Plenum and submitted for approval to the Minister of Culture.

## Article 8

### Powers of the President

1. The President shall have the power to:

a) represent the International Freedom Academy before any judicial or administrative authority and in its relations with other legal or natural persons;

b) convoke and chair the ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the Senate by a ten-day notice in the former case and a five-day notice in the latter;

c) be responsible for the lawful transaction of business by the Senate;

d) countersign with the Secretary-General the documents and the annual activities report of the Senate;

e) in cooperation with the Secretary-General, prepare and countersign the agenda of the Senate's meetings; off-agenda items may not be discussed, unless they concern an emergency and the majority of members in attendance consents; and

f) where he deems it appropriate, assign the presentation of certain matters to another member of the Senate.

2. If the President is absent or prevented from discharging his duties, he shall be replaced by the Vice-

President, and the latter by the Secretary-General, other than in cases where joint action by the President or Vice-President and the Secretary-General is expressly required.

## Article 9

### Powers of the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General shall have the power to:
  - a) countersign with the President all the documents addressed to third parties, as well as the annual activities report, the agenda and the minutes of the Senate's meetings;
  - b) ensure the preparation of the Senate's minutes;
  - c) keep the membership register and other books;
  - d) have custody of the records, books and the seal, being responsible if they are destroyed or lost;
  - e) replace the President and the Vice-President if they are prevented from discharging their duties;
  - f) supervise the Administrative and Financial Section of the International Freedom Academy;
  - g) collect the Academy's revenue, issuing and signing the relevant duplicate receipts;
  - h) make payments by virtue of payment orders issued according to the law and countersigned by the President;
  - i) deposit receipts to a credit institution according to the law, having the power to make a deduction for paying extraordinary and emergency expenses, the amount of which shall be determined by a decision of the Senate;
  - j) withdraw deposits with the President's approval in writing; and
  - k) ensure the preparation of the annual ex-post report and budget, and submit them to the Senate.

2. If the Secretary-General is absent or prevented from discharging his duties, he shall be replaced by his legal alternate.

## Article 10

### Resources

The resources of the International Freedom Academy shall include:

1. grants from the European Union, states and international organisations;
2. sponsorship from local authorities and private individuals;
3. any donations, bequests, legacies etc.;
4. receipts from the exploitation of any resources;
5. receipts from broadcasting and other rights, and from sales of publications and products of any nature of the International Freedom Academy; and
6. any grants from the government budget.

## Article 11

### Books and Receipts

The International Freedom Academy shall keep the following books and receipts:

1. a correspondence register;
2. a book of minutes of the Senate's meetings;
3. a book of minutes of the Plenum's meetings;
4. an accounting book with entries (in chronological and accounting order) of all the receipts and expenses during the financial year, in accordance with the Accounting Books, Receipts and Invoices Code;
5. a membership register;

6. a scholarship register with the names of all scholars, the school they attend, the time and amount of each scholar's scholarship, as well as the other data provided for by Article 34 of Regulatory Decree 18/23.8.1941;
7. a prizes and sponsorship register; and
8. numbered duplicate receipts and payment orders certified by the President and the Secretary-General.
9. In addition to the above books and receipts, the Senate may decide to keep other books and receipts considered necessary for the monitoring of the management of the property of the International Freedom Academy and the achievement of its objects.

#### Article 12

##### Financial Management and Audit

1. Financial management shall be carried out by the Administrative and Financial Section, as provided for in the Bylaws.
2. Payment orders shall be signed by the President and the Secretary-General or their legal alternates.
3. The annual financial audit shall be carried out by a certified public accountant of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants according to Presidential Decree 226/1992 "Establishment, organisation and operation of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and conditions of registration in a Special Register and practising as a Certified Public Accountant" (Government Gazette A120).

#### Article 13

##### Bylaws

Specific issues relating to the administrative organisation, financial management and operation of the

International Freedom Academy for the achievement of its objects shall be governed by the Bylaws, approved by a decision of the Minister of Culture.

#### Article 14

##### Amendment to the Statute

This Presidential Decree shall be amended or supplemented by a Presidential Decree in accordance with the provisions of Article 1(4) of Law 3113/2003, on a proposal from the Senate or by a decision of 3/4 of the Plenum members or according to the applicable legal procedures for the time being in force.

#### Article 15

##### Dissolution of the Legal Person in Public Law – Disposal of its Property

1. The legal person shall be dissolved by law.
2. In the event of dissolution, its property shall be settled and disposed of according to the law.

#### Article 16

##### Transitional Provision

1. The founding members of the International Freedom Academy shall be the following eleven regular members (in alphabetical order):

Hélène AHRWEILER-GLYKATZI, Georgios GRAMMATIKAKIS, Gerasimos KAZANAS, Yannis MANOLEDAKIS, Alikì MARANGOPOULOU, Kostas PAPANDREOU, Kostas SEKERIS, Mikis THEODORAKIS, Dimitris TSATSOS, Kostas TSOUKALAS and Christos YANNARAS.

2. Within one month from the publication hereof, the Minister of Culture shall call the founding members to a

Plenum meeting, where they shall elect a provisional Senate, the President, Vice-President, Secretary-General and two Senate members from among the founding members.

3. The provisional Senate shall convoke an extraordinary meeting of the Plenum of founding members and present a list of candidates for the election of the other regular members. Then it shall convoke another extraordinary Plenum meeting, which shall elect the Senate, according to Article 5 above.

4. If a founding member dies or resigns before the establishment of the Plenum, he/she shall be replaced by a decision of the Minister of Culture.

#### Article 17

#### Entry into Force

This Decree shall take effect as from its publication in the Government Gazette.

We order the Minister of Culture to publish and enforce this Decree.

Athens, 19 May 2006

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

KAROLOS G. PAPOULIAS

THE MINISTERS

PETROS DOUKAS

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF

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