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**Union of Myanmar
State Law and Order Restoration Council**

Establishment of Associations Law

[State Law and Order Restoration Council Law No. 6/88]

1350, 5th Waning of Tawthalin

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The State Law and Order Restoration Council has enacted this law.

Chapter (1)

Title and definitions

1. This law shall be known as the Establishment of Associations Law.
2. The expressions used in this law shall have the meanings given hereunder -
 - (a) “**Association**” means, regardless of its name, an association, organisation, union, party, committee, federation, society, front, club, and similar group.
 - (b) “**Political association**” means an association that organises a political movement in one way or another based on a certain political ideology.

Chapter (2)

Application for permission to be established

3.
 - (a) Associations must apply as prescribed to the Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs for permission to be established.
 - (b) An existing association must apply within 30 days from the date of enactment of this law.
 - (c) No association shall be established or continue to be operated without permission.
4. The following associations do not need to apply under this law for permission to be established:
 - (a) Associations that were registered with the Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs under the 1964 Law for the Protection of National Unity and whose registration is still in effect;
 - (b) associations that only practice religion;
 - (c) associations engaging only in business;

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- (d) associations registered under any other law;
- (e) those that have been permitted to register by, or have applied for registration with, or have asserted to be preparing to apply for registration with, the Multi-Party Democracy General Election Commission under the Political Parties Registration Law.

Chapter (3)

Associations ineligible for permission to be established

- 5. The following associations shall not be established, and those already established shall not operate and shall not be allowed to continue to exist:
 - (a) Associations that are not allowed to register under the 1988 Political Parties Registration Law; associations allowed to be registered whose registration was revoked by the Multi-Party Democracy General Election Commission;
 - (b) associations that strive, incite, encourage or help to even moderately affect law and order, regional peace and prosperity, or the safety and smoothness of road traffic;
 - (c) associations that are composed of members of the Defence Forces such as the People's Army and the People's Police serving in the State administration, employees from various public service organisations, state-owned economic boards/corporations and various state-owned organisations, or an employee or employees receiving a salary from the state budget, or that are influenced by or connected to any political association.

Chapter (4)

Penalties

- 6. Whoever is found guilty of having violated section 3 subsection (c) or section 5 shall be imprisoned for up to 5 years.
- 7. Whoever is found guilty of having participated in any association that may not be established or continue to exist under section 3 subsection (c) or any association that may not be established under section 5, having encouraged or assisted such association, or having used the insignia of such association, shall be imprisoned for up to 3 years.



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Chapter (5) Miscellaneous

8. The Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs may revoke the registration of an association permitted to register under this law if it is found to have changed its objectives and activities that it had asserted when obtaining permission to register.
9. The Ministry of Home and Religious Affairs may issue rules, orders, directives and procedures as required.

(Signed)
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