

Statute of the Arab Union of Psychological Science (AUPsyS)

Article (1): Name

This is the Statute for the “Arab Union of Psychological Science”, hereinafter referred to as AUPsyS. It is the representative body for the Science and profession of psychology in the Arab Countries. And it shall be effective from the date of declaration.

Article (2): Definitions

The following words and phrases wherever used in this Regulation shall have the meanings below unless the context indicates otherwise:

Union: Union of Arab Psychological Science.

General Assembly: General Authority of the Union, consisting of all the members entitled to attend its meetings as provided for in the articles of this Statute.

The executive Committee: the higher Administrative Board, which represents officially the Union, and is elected under the terms of this Statute.

President: President of the Union elected by the General Assembly of the Union in a legal regular meeting.

Association Member: Is the local authority or national organization that represents psychology in the Arab country officially registered in, and includes in its membership psychologists and individuals working in the psychology profession.

Article (3): Preamble

In August 19th 2015 the capital city of Jordan Amman hosted a consultative meeting for the purpose of Establishing the Arab Union of Psychological Science AUPsyS. The meeting was held upon an initiative and invitation by the Jordanian Psychological Association JPA and in collaboration with and support by the International Union of Psychology (IUPsyS). The meeting was attended by representatives of a number of Arab psychological organizations and a number of academics in the field of psychology at state and private universities.

This consultative meeting came in an effort to implement the recommendations of two regional conferences, the 1st Regional Conference of Psychology in the Middle East and North Africa (MENARCP-1), which was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in 2003, and the 2nd Regional Conference (MENARCP-2), which was held in Amman - Jordan in 2007, where emphasis was placed on the need to establish an Arab Union for psychological organizations. This was further stressed and highlighted within Amman Declaration 2007, which was adopted by regional and international delegations specialized in psychology representing nearly 140 countries, all of which were agreed on the need to establish an Arab Union of Psychological Science, similar to all other unions in different regions of the world.

Article (4): Identity

- a) The Arab Union of Psychological Science is an Arab organization representing all professional psychological Science and all professionals, practitioners and researchers who are specialized in psychology in all Arab countries. The Union is an NGO aiming to achieve the best interest of the individual and society, and it emphasizes the importance of collaboration and joint Arab action for the development of psychological Science and the promotion of mental health for achieving recovery and psycho-social well-being.
- b) The Union has a legal entity and full authority to conduct and perform its business and achieve its objectives. It has the advantages, guarantees and immunities provided by the..
- c) The legal venue for the Union during the foundation phase is Amman, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Its website is: www.aupsys.net and its official email is: info@aupsys.net . The union shall be registered officially at Amman based on decree number.... date The union is a non-profit legal body has the right to establish branches or nominate representatives in the Arab countries and others.

Article (5): Mission

AUPsyS mission is to provide a forum for professional Arab psychological associations and for the Arab psychologists. It is committed to develop the psychology profession and all its branches, and contributes to development of the practice of psychology profession in the member States taking into consideration the Arab culture and according to the latest scientific developments and international standards.

Article (6): Principles

The establishment of the Arab union lies on the following principles:

1. Psychology does not discriminate between individuals and groups based on ideology, politics, race, color or gender. All psychology practices are governed by well-established ethical principles.
2. Psychology takes into account the individual and cultural differences; and adopts solutions that consider these differences.
3. Psychology stems from the principle of serving and developing the Community and empowering its members.
4. Psychology has proven its ability to play a pivotal role in various fields of human life locally, regionally and globally.
5. Psychology plays a crucial role in the various policy-making, and it accelerates development through different preventive, awareness and treatment services.
6. Psychology has a big impact as an agent for change to guide the human behavior and empower individuals and human communities.

Article (7): Objectives

The objectives of include the following:

1. To advance psychology with all its branches and make it an active partner in various development plans.
2. Make use of the achievements of Western psychology and cross-cultural research, including cultural sensitivity within the Arab culture, in order to develop theories and appropriate applications that are suitable for the Arab societies.
3. To cooperate with regional and international organizations in matters of mutual interest, and keep abreast of advancements and trends related to the practice and legislation of psychology.
4. To facilitate cooperation and unify efforts of all scientists and practitioners working in psychology across the Arab region, and represent them in all international scientific meetings, forums and events.
5. To promote the performance and activities of all organizations in the member countries.
6. To encourage regional and international scientific exchange among researchers, students and newly graduates and emerging psychologists.
7. To improve psychologists' competencies by developing the psychology education and training programs and regulating the psychology profession according to international standard.
8. To develop and unify ethical standards for psychological Science to protect the rights and duties of all parties.
9. To develop and support all aspects of scientific research and its application among the member countries.
10. To provide an appropriate scientific consultation to governmental and non-governmental institutions in issues related to human behavior and mental health of individual and community.
11. To enhance the image of psychology, and protect the reputation of psychologists and their rights and interests.
12. Unify the psychological concepts and terminology in the Member countries.

Article (8): Means and Methods

To achieve the goals and objectives of the Union, the Union is using different means and methods such as:

1. Exchange of scientific and professional experience among members of the different Arab countries.

2. Encourage and organize open communication with all members in all available channels and means.
3. Establish a professional and cooperative relationships with related local, regional and international organizations and the appropriate international bodies
4. Issue and disseminate professional and scientific Psychology-related data and information.
5. Issue the regulations and legislations for organizing the practice process and licensing requirements.
6. Organize scientific and professional conferences and meetings related to the objectives of the Union.
7. Supervise the training programs organized by local associations.
8. Establish and develop the necessary bodies and committees within the union as needed.
9. Communicate with universities and academic institutes to develop psychology education, field training and continuing education programs.
10. Contribute to educational and psychological prevention programs and awareness-raising campaigns at both officials and community levels.

Article (9): Revenues and Budget

First- Revenues

The financial resources of the Union consist of: -

1. Annual members' fees
2. Subsidies, grants and donations; the management decides to accept from local, regional and international sources.
3. The revenues and outcome of the services carried out by the Union, and revenues determined by the Executive Committee to meet its needs.
4. Any other resources, with the consent of the General Assembly of the Union.

Second- Budget

(A) The Union shall have a special budget. The fiscal year for the Union starts on the first of January and ends on December 31 of each year.

(B) The Union's budget is audited by a chartered accounts auditor who is appointed annually by the General Assembly in the normal annual meeting.

(C) The Union's funds are deposited at one or more Arabic bank which is determined by the executive committee. The Union funds are disbursed by authorized persons or by those who are entitled to sign the financial transactions, and determined by the executive committee.

Article (10): Language

The official language of the Union is Arabic, and it is a mean to communicate and correspond among its members and branches in meetings. Other language could be used to communicate with other unions and professional organizations where the Arabic language is not being used. The appropriate translation should be available to all members where necessary.

Article (11): Membership

1. The Union consists of the Arab national associations or organizations that are specialized in psychology or any of its branches. Any number of organizations can be accepted from the same country as members in the Union, but only one organization shall be nominated as the country's representative. The term 'country' shall be understood in its traditional concept for any state who enjoys full independence, as well as non-autonomous territories due to the condition of occupation or imposed division, where each shall have a one representative in the Union Council.
2. If a compromise cannot be reached among any countries' organization to nominate one association as the country's representative, the oldest established organization shall be considered as the representative.
3. Some organizations or unions may join the Union membership as "affiliate members" the affiliate member is any local, regional or international organization whose members are individuals or national associations, and its objectives are consistent directly or indirectly with the objectives of the Union. The affiliate member may be invited to attend the General Assembly meeting as an observer without the right to vote.
4. Organizations who wish to obtain the Union's membership must fill-out a membership application submitted to the Union's secretary-general, attached with a written approval for the Union's statute and be committed to its by- laws, along with the organization's by-laws and its adopted code of ethics, in addition to a list of its members with their qualifications and their specializations, and accompanied with membership fees.
5. Each organization is represented by one member chosen by its members. Representatives are required to attend the General Assembly meeting after paying the annual dues and its membership is approved at least six (6) months before the assembly meeting.
6. Membership can take effect after the issuance of the Union's approval and payment of annual fees.
7. Each organization members is required to update its membership list at the beginning of each fiscal year, and submit a copy to the Union.

Article (12): Membership Annual Dues

1. Annual Membership dues shall be a minimum of Two hundred and fifty (250) US Dollars or its equivalent.
2. For annual dues payment, a portion of the year shall be counted as a whole year.
3. If a member fails to pay the financial obligations on time, a grace period of three 3 months is given to pay. In case the dues are not paid at the end of the grace period, the member has the right to attend the Assembly meeting as observer and participate in discussions. In this case, the member is not entitled for nomination and election until all dues are paid.
4. The organization member can submit a written application to the Union, clarifying the circumstances for non-payment of fees. The Union represented by the Executive Committee can determine certain dues and negotiate a payment plan for a maximum period of 3 years. The payment plan should be reviewed annually to determine the continuation or any necessary amendments.
5. If a member fails to be comply with the payment plan agreed on, the member shall be listed under the (anticipated membership) for a maximum period of 2 years, during which the member pay no dues and does not benefit from the union services. Additionally, the full membership shall be frozen, except the right to attend the General Assembly meetings as an observer and will not be entitled to nomination or election. After the two-year period, the member shall pay all its financial obligations; otherwise, a decision will be issued to terminate the membership and its privileges.
6. Any amendment on the membership dues shall take effect from the first (1st) of January of the year in which it was decided by the General Assembly.
7. Fiscal year of the Union begins on the first day of January of each year and ends on the last day of December of the same year.

Article (13): Governance

First: General Assembly:

a) It is the highest authority in the AUPsyS, composed of representatives of all member categories referred to in Article (11), where each national member organization is represented by one member chosen by its members. General Assembly shall convene regularly at least once in Two (2) years, unless the need arises to hold an additional meeting with the approval of 2/3rd of the members of the executive committee.

The Assembly is presided by the President and, should the need arise, by the Vice President, if not, by the Past President. Should the need arise; the meeting shall be presided by the representative of the national member in the country that hosts the meeting.

b) Quorum for the Assembly shall be achieved when at least 50% +1 % of the National Members entitled to vote are present. If the Quorum required is not reached, or when the Assembly is not in session, the President may arrange for voting by mail ballot, which may be conducted by post mail, fax, email, or another recognized form of written communication. In this case the minimum quorum must be at least 40%.

c) Tasks of the General Assembly:

The General Assembly shall carry the following tasks:

1. Manage all the Union affairs;
2. Approving the Union policy;
3. Amending the Union's statutes;
4. Amending the Union's regulations;
5. Approving and receiving the Unions' revenues and budget and Reviewing the Executive Committee's reports and the Union's working plans;
6. Reviewing and approving membership applications and membership cancellation and freezing decisions;
7. Determining the duties and rights of Members.
8. The Assembly may invite guests who are not members as observers if deemed appropriate.
9. Appointing auditor for the Union.
10. Forming specialized committees if the need arises, determining the required financial needs for each committee, and receiving their financial reports.

d) All minutes of the Assembly shall be documented in a special record and approved by the meeting chair and should be sent to all members within a period not exceeding six weeks after the adjournment of the meeting.

Second: The Union Council

Union Council shall be composed of the National Members' representatives and by one representative from each country, taking into account what is stated in Article (11/1), regardless of the number of organizations members in the Union.

Tasks and power of the Union Council:

The Union Council shall carry the following tasks:

1. Oversee the Union's business administration according to the plans and the policies that are established by the General Assembly.
2. Propose the Union's annual budget
3. Contributes in the formulation of the union committees
4. Suggest strategic and action plans
5. Recommend the membership applications to the executive committee.

6. Discuss and approve the annual administrative and financial reports prepared by the executive committee before they are submitted to the General Assembly for the final approval.
7. Approve the cooperation agreement suggested by the Executive Committee with Local, regional and international unions and organizations.
8. The Council shall meet once a year to oversee the work of the executive committee. The meeting may take place in a specific venue or through any electronic means or other specified means of communication.
9. Election of the Executive Committee (except the President and Vice-president) and supervise its work and follow-up with its performance.

Third: The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee is elected by the Union Council from its members for a period of 4 years to manage the Union's Affairs and submit their reports and accounts to the general assembly for approval.
2. The executive Committee consists of five (5) officers; the current president, the vice President, past- president, secretary-general, and treasurer.
3. Quorum for the Executive Committee shall be achieved when a majority of members at least 50% +1 % of the members are present.
4. No member of the Executive Committee may retain his post for more than 2 election terms.
5. The President shall Chair the Executive Committee. Should the President be unavailable, the vice president may chair the meeting.
6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every three (3) months, telephonically, electronically or face-to-face. Extraordinary meeting can be held at the call of the president and the support of two (2) other officers.
7. The Executive Committee shall have the power in exceptional circumstances to remove from office or from the Executive Committee any member whose conduct is judged to be unacceptable and is incompatible with the ethics of professions or psychological principles and objectives of the Union. The President or any two (2) other Officers shall appoint a three (3)-member committee to investigate the situation and to report to the Executive Committee with their recommendations within no more than 60 days. Any decision must be taken by secret ballot and supported by a two thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

Duties and Power of the Executive Committee

The Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee shall be:

1. Oversee all work of the Union in the period between meetings of the general assembly.
2. Implement the recommendations and resolutions of the General Assembly.
3. Represent the Union in meetings with different authorities and bodies.
4. Approve the Union annual budget before the approval of the Union Council and the General Assembly.
5. Supervise and monitor any project or activity carried out or sponsored by the Union.
6. Call an Assembly to meet at least once every 4 years, by providing at least six months' prior notice to members.
7. To call a special meeting of the Assembly in an emergency, and in demanding circumstances to alter the time and place of a regular meeting as the Assembly may have determined. In this case, the invitation must be sent at least two months ahead of the meeting time.
8. To call a Special Assembly upon the written request of at least 1/3rd of the Members. At least two months' notice shall be provided to all members, stating the specific purpose of such Special Assembly.
9. To present a report to each meeting of the Assembly, this shall be circulated to members at least three weeks in advance of the Assembly.
10. To appoint members of the Union to conduct a specified work or promote the objectives of Union.
11. To delegate any of the five officers to represent EC or perform certain task on its behalf.
12. To review the reports of the auditors.
13. To establish the Secretary- General's office, and assign a manager and the necessary staff. And issuing its regulations and by-laws to perform its duties for all the period since the last regular meeting held by the General Assembly.
14. The Executive Committee shall present to the General Assembly the Union's bank statement accounts, the financial budgets and complete auditor's report for each period since the last regular meeting held by the Assembly.

Article (14): The Duties and Powers of the President:

1. To Chair all meetings of the Assembly, Executive Committee and Officers. If the President is unable to do so, the Vice-President or past- president or another Officer shall preside, alternatively, the meeting may choose its own presiding officer.
2. To coordinate strategic planning and implementation of strategic priorities.
3. To appoint chairs of committees and work groups in consultation with the Vice President.
4. To represent the AUPsyS generally and as required by the Executive Committee.
5. To perform the routine duties of the office of President of AUPsyS, as expected by the EC and the Assembly.

Article (15): The Duties and Powers of the Vice-President

1. To deputize for the President when required to do so.
2. To authorize particular expenditure in accordance with the adopted budget and general instructions from the Executive Committee.
3. To collaborate with the President on AUPsyS planning and implementation of strategic priorities.

Article (16): The Duties and Powers of the Secretary-General:

1. To keep AUPsyS records.
2. to call and arrange meetings of the Executive Committee or to arrange for a vote of its members by mail ballot, With the approval of the President
3. To prepare the agenda for meetings of the Assembly, the Executive Committee and Officers in consultation with the President.
4. To serve as the Union's authorized signatory for contracts and legal documents.
5. To keep minutes of meetings, and to provide a draft to the presiding officer after the meeting, so that the minutes may be sent on time to the relevant members.
6. To perform the expected duties of the Secretary General's office and issue the necessary instructions for organizing work performance, and distribution responsibilities and tasks to employees.

Article (17): The Duties and Powers of the Treasurer

1. To keep the AUPsyS accounts.
2. To deposit all dues, grants and donations received on behalf of AUPsyS in an accredited bank.
3. To keep all receipts and financial documents organized properly.
4. To present a budget and statement of accounts annually to the Executive Committee, and to each meeting of the Assembly, this shall be circulated at least three weeks in advance of these meetings.
5. To make payments on the authority of the Vice-President or the Executive Committee in accordance with the budget.
6. To maintain proper and up-to-date records of all classes of members.
7. To collect dues from the relevant members.
8. To collaborate with the Union auditors to accomplish the financial report and annual and budget.
9. To sign the promissory notes and receiving any dues; and deposited them in the Union's bank account in accordance with the Union financial policy.

Article (18): Committees

Two types of committees shall be formed within the AUPsyS. The committees are established based on and a decision and approval of the executive committees and the General Assembly. The overall objective for establishing such committees is to contribute in the achieving the Union's tasks and goals. A chair or a coordinator and secretary shall be assigned to each committee. The two types of the committees are:

1. Standing Committees: These committees are established to perform an ongoing tasks and activities of the Union. They include:

1. Membership Committee: to follow-up with membership affairs.
2. Public Relation and International Affairs and Media Committee: to foster and strengthen communication links with similar unions, and to disseminate and promote the Union's activities using all available means available.
3. Ethics Committee: to monitor and develop the code of ethics for practicing psychology profession.
4. Licensing and regulation Committee: to develop the standards and the regulations for practicing Psychology profession & its branches.
5. Training and Continuing Education Committee: to provide continuing education programs and capacity- building training for maintaining professional development.

6. Scientific Affairs Committee: to prepare scientific material and publications of the Union and communicate with other relevant professional organizations to exchange scientific data and knowledge.
7. Scientific Events and Conference Organization Committee: to communicate with and invite participants and determine the conference themes, topics and logistics.

2. Ad Hoc committees: These committees shall be established for certain and specific task or problem accordance with certain circumstances and status quo. Such as, natural disasters, war and similar crises, that all demand immediate intervention. The need for these committees can be in any field of psychology such as measurement and assessment, counseling and mental health, psychology of women, or child psychology. These committees shall be resolved, once their goal or mission is achieved and accomplished.

Article (19): Nomination and Election for the Executive Committee

1. Any outstanding member in the Union Council is entitled to be nominated to any post in the Union.
2. An election committee shall be established to supervise the election process. The Past President shall chair the Elections Committee which shall include at least two other persons approved by the Assembly and who will not stand for elections.
3. At least six months in advance of an Assembly, the President shall request nominations for Vice-President, and Executive Committee members from national Member. Each nomination must be accompanied by one-page curriculum vitae of the person nominated and by a signed statement expressing that person's agreement to be nominated and to serve if elected. Nominations shall be submitted to the Past President by a deadline not less than three (3) months in advance of an Assembly.
4. The Elections Committee shall collate all nominations received. Upon unanimous decision, it may request additional information on a nomination.
5. At least 60 days in advance of an Assembly, the Elections Committee shall send a first report to members of the General Assembly. This report shall include full information on all nominations received in good order. The General Assembly may request the Elections Committee to provide further information on a nomination.
6. The Assembly may not receive additional nominations, except when there are no nominations for a particular position. In that case, the Elections Committee shall present an updated second report to the Assembly and no later than the beginning of the elections
7. The candidate for the post of Secretary-General shall be from the Union Headquarter during the Foundation Stage.
8. Election of the President Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Committee members shall be in accordance with the following procedures:
 - 8.1 All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. Each Delegate entitled to vote in the Assembly has as many votes as positions to be filled in a ballot.

8. 2 Should additional nominations be required, these shall be from among Delegates in the Assembly and must be nominated by an Assembly Delegate and seconded by at least two further Assembly Delegates once additional nominations are received in terms of Rule (5). In this case, the same requirements applied to the candidate(s), additional to other requirements for the nomination.

8.3 Should additional nominations are required following completion of these nominations, the Elections Committee shall present a final report no later than the beginning of the election.

8.4 The President and Vice-President may not be elected at the same Assembly except by a decision of that Assembly.

8. 5 It is not permitted to any Assembly member, to use any kind of publicity or promotion for any candidate. The candidate may be given the opportunity to present a biography to members of the Assembly, if agreed by the President and upon an Assembly member's request. Each candidate for Vice-President, Secretary-General and Treasurer shall be provided the opportunity to make a three- minute's brief statement on their future plan to the Assembly immediately prior to the elections.

8. 6 No more than two persons from the same country shall serve on the Executive Committee. Except for what was cited in number (7) in this Article.

Article (20): Balloting and Voting Process

First: Ballot:

1. The General Assembly shall be appoint at its regular meeting where the voting process takes place, a temporary chair of the oldest members for the election session. The chair must be chosen among its members who in his turn appoint secretary committee to help in the management of the meeting and the organization of the voting process and the counting of the votes.
2. The Quorum for the General Assembly shall be achieved when a majority of members at least 50% +1 % of the members who has the right to vote are present.
3. Voting results are counted and considered valid by a simple majority (weighing majority positively or negatively).
4. Votes are counted only for those who are present and entitled to vote.
5. Voting and balloting are counted at the general assembly meetings by showing the ballot card that are used for voting, except for the election which takes place by secret ballot.

6. In the balloting process, votes shall not be counted for members who are absent, or for blank ballot cards or ballot card with some errors in the candidates' names.
7. Any nomination request for any of the Executive Committee positions is required to be seconded by three none-candidate members of the General Assembly.

Second: Voting

- a. Voting shall be by a show of hands, unless there is a resolution that voting be by secret ballot.
- b. Any member can't cast more than one vote, even though he may have more than representation in the meetings of the Assembly or in the Executive Committee.
- c. The right to vote is guaranteed for members in good standing and paid his financial dues.

Third: Election of the executive Committee:

- a. The Executive Committee members (except the President and vice-president) shall be elected by the Union Council for four (4) years term.
- b. A written application shall be submitted for nomination within a period of not less than eight (8) weeks prior to the General Assembly meeting. Each nomination must be accompanied by a copy of the curriculum vitae of the candidate.

Fourth: Election of Union President and Vice-President:

- a. Nomination forms for both posts the president and the Vice-President shall be sent separately to the current President. Then the president announces the candidates' names for the two positions.
- b. Voting shall be for eligible voters during the Assembly meeting by presenting two cards of different colors one is used for the president and the other is for Vice-President.
- c. Votes are counted first to determine the winner for the Vice-President post, then votes are counted to determine the winner for the president post.

Article (21): Penalties

1. The Executive Committee shall have the right to issue any of the following penalties toward members:
 - a) Disciplinary notice
 - b) Written warning
 - c) Membership freeze for a limited period
 - d) Membership isolation for a limited period
 - e) Full termination from the Union

2. Penalty may be issued in accordance with the offense and without being bound by the order listed in the preceding item.
3. The Executive Committee shall form a special five-member committee to investigate the offense committed by any member. The Committee must consist of one representative of the Membership Committee and one representative from the Ethics Committee. Furthermore, the offender member must be represented in this committee, in addition to two other members that can be chosen by the two above committees from non-committees members.
4. Upon a written request by any member, an offense or violation committed by any member can be reviewed.

Article (22) Arbitration

1. In the event of any controversial issue as related to Article (21/1), the Executive Committee shall have the power to investigate it and issue the proper decision. If the parties concerned have any objection to the decision, an arbitration committee must be formed, where its decision shall be viewed as final and irrevocable.
2. Past- president, Chairman of the Membership Committee, the Secretary-General, chairman of the Ethics committee and three other former members of the executive Committee.
3. The Past- president shall be the chairman of the arbitration committee, where the Secretary- General is the coordinator, secretary and minutes recorder.
4. The Executive Committee defines the place and date of the arbitration committee meeting, and provides all necessary facilities for conducting its meetings and achieves the intended goals.
5. The arbitration committee makes decisions by an absolute majority (half + 1). In the event of a tie vote, the chairman of the committee shall have the casting vote.
6. The arbitration committee notifies its decision within 3 days to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee in turn notifies the decision to concerned parties within two days after receiving the decision.

Article (23): General Provisions

First: Statute's Amendment:

1. Any member is entitled to submit a proposal for an amendment to Union Statutes.
2. Any proposal for the statute's amendment should be supported by five members before it is presented for discussion or vote.
3. Approval of the Statute's Amendment requires two-thirds $2/3^{\text{rd}}$ vote by the General Assembly members. The amendment proposal must be submitted two

months before the Executive Committee's meeting in accordance with the following regulations:

- a) The executive Committee shall circulate the proposed amendment to all members of the General Assembly at least three weeks prior to the Assembly meeting.
- b) A statutory amendment by mail vote or any other suitable means may be conducted by the Executive Committee to be ratified at the following Assembly, taking into account the confidentiality of the vote. The vote result requires the availability of not less than two-thirds (2/3rd) of eligible voters.
- c) In demanding circumstances, the Executive Committee may put necessary Rules or instructions that are not cited by these regulations, notifying all members about such Rules or instructions which must be ratified by a simple majority of the following Assembly.

Second, many items and articles of this statute do not apply during the Union's foundation stage. And the Executive Committee shall have the right during the foundation phase to make exceptional decisions to facilitate the union's performance according to its objectives. This right will be terminated with the election of the first Executive Committee after the formation of the General Assembly in the first meeting and establishment of the Union's Council.

Third: Instructions The Union shall issue instructions and regulations that are not consistent with the statutes. The purpose of these instructions and regulations is to organize the Union and strengthening its relations with all members and with other organizations and managing the daily affairs and activities. These instructions shall be valid and approved immediately after the majority vote by the Executive Committee.

Fourth: Termination of Membership

Membership in AUPsyS may be terminated by:

- a) Submitting a written resignation in a minimum of one year notice, from the date of receipt by the Executive Committee.
- b) Non-payment of two biennial dues for two successive years, providing that the member concerned has been given biennial notices of dues receivable, and a final notice that termination of membership is to be considered by the Assembly.
- c) A motion for termination of membership in AUPsyS shall be made the first order of the Assembly's agenda. The vote on such a motion shall take effect immediately.

d) A National member who is in the process of dissolving itself shall immediately notify AUPsyS in writing of this to avoid liability for the biennial dues.

Fifth: Union Disbandment:

- a. The Union may be disbanded if a decision is made during a regular meeting by at least two thirds (2/3rd) of the General Assembly members who are entitled to vote.
- b. If the decision is made to disband the Union, as cited in the above item, the General Assembly shall decide in the same meeting, the transfer of the Union's funds and properties assets to an organization(s) that is similar to the goals and objectives of the Union.

Sixth: Dispute Resolution

In the event of emergence of any dispute between the Union and the other parties, the country's law, where the Union's is registered shall be applied to resolve the dispute.

Article (24) Founding Constituent

1. All participant in Amman Consultative meeting in Amman between August 18-19, 2015 and the signatories to this statute are deemed the founding Constituent for the IUPsyS.
2. The Founding Constituent shall elect from its members a president of the Union and Executive Committee to conduct the Union's affairs during the declaration phase. And it is not required for the Executive Committee to be composed of five (5) members during the foundation phase as it is cited in Article (13/3).
3. The Founding and the Executive Constituent may perform their duties for a period of not more than three (3) years, since the announcement of the Union's launching. Afterward the Founding_Constituent calls for General Assembly meeting to conduct the first election of the Executive Committee to start officially its duties.

4. Functions of Founding Constituent

- a. Communication with institutions, organizations and individuals who are engaged in the field of psychology and its branches and applications, to introduce the Union and its objectives through all means of communication including direct meetings.
- b. The formation of necessary committees or task forces for purposes of facilitating the tasks related to the Union's declaration stage.

- c. Open a bank account for the Union and an official website.
 - d. Open and organize the necessary records such as membership, financial record and communication programs.
 - e. Any other tasks and activities required for the work of the Union during the declaration period.
5. Founding members shall have the right for full membership in the Union with all its obligations and commitments.

Article (25) Founders

All organizations and individuals in the following list, are considered the founders of the AUPsyS: (all listed by country and alphabetical order)