



INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM



International Legal Compliance Policy

International Organization for Counter-Terrorism (IOCT)

Article (1): Purpose

This Policy aims to ensure that the International Organization for Counter-Terrorism (IOCT) fully complies with all applicable laws, regulations, and international legal instruments relevant to its mandate, promotes a culture of legal compliance, and protects the Organization and its members from legal and regulatory risks.

Article (2): Scope of Application

This Policy applies to:

- The Board of Trustees
- The Secretariat
- Committee members
- Employees and contractors
- Experts and advisors
- Volunteers
- Partners and collaborators when acting on behalf of, or engaging with, the Organization

Article (3): Legal Reference Framework

The Organization commits to compliance with:

1. Public international law and its fundamental principles.
2. International treaties and conventions relevant to counter-terrorism and human rights.
3. Relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions.
4. National laws of the countries in which the Organization operates, insofar as they do not conflict with international standards.
5. The Organization's approved internal regulations and policies.





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Article (4): Compliance Principles

The Organization is guided by the following principles:

1. Respect for the rule of law and international legality.
2. Good faith in fulfilling legal obligations.
3. Prevention of legal risks before they arise.
4. Transparency and cooperation with competent authorities within legal frameworks.
5. Refraining from any activity that compromises the Organization's civilian or humanitarian character.

Article (5): Institutional Responsibilities

1. The **Board of Trustees** bears ultimate responsibility for ensuring legal compliance.
2. The **Secretariat** is responsible for implementing this Policy and monitoring compliance.
3. The **Legal Department or Legal Advisor** provides legal guidance and monitors legal developments.
4. All members of the Organization are required to comply with applicable laws within their respective roles.

Article (6): Compliance Procedures and Monitoring

The Organization shall:

1. Review activities and programs to ensure alignment with applicable laws.
2. Properly document decisions and procedures related to legal compliance.
3. Take corrective measures upon identifying any violation.
4. Suspend or amend any activity found to be inconsistent with legal or international standards.

Article (7): Legal Risk Management

The Organization shall:

1. Identify and assess potential legal risks.
2. Establish preventive measures to mitigate such risks.
3. Update policies and procedures in line with international legal developments.
4. Seek specialized legal expertise when necessary.





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Article (8): Partnerships and Agreements

The Organization commits to:

1. Verifying the legality of partnerships and agreements prior to execution.
2. Including legal compliance clauses in memoranda of understanding and contracts.
3. Terminating any partnership or agreement found to violate applicable laws or international standards.

Article (9): Training and Awareness

The Organization shall:

1. Provide training to its personnel on international legal compliance requirements.
2. Raise awareness of legal obligations relevant to the Organization's work.
3. Promote a culture of legal and institutional responsibility.

Article (10): Reporting Legal Violations

1. The Organization shall provide safe channels for reporting potential legal violations.
2. Whistleblowers shall be protected from retaliation.
3. Reports shall be handled confidentially, impartially, and professionally.

Article (11): Breach of Policy

Any breach of this Policy shall be considered a serious violation and shall be subject to disciplinary and accountability measures in accordance with the Organization's internal regulations, and may result in legal action where appropriate.

Article (12): Entry into Force and Review

1. This Policy shall enter into force upon approval by the Board of Trustees.
2. It shall be reviewed periodically every three (3) years or as necessary.

