

LAW OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Article 1

This law regulates the composition, scope, the method of operation, financing and other issues of importance to the work of the Economic and Social Council established in accordance with the Labor Law.

Article 2

Economic and Social Council aims at the establishment and development of social dialogue on issues of importance for the realization of economic and social position of the employees and employers and the conditions of their life and work, developing a culture of dialogue, encouraging the peaceful resolution of individual and collective labor disputes and other issues arising from international documents concerning the economic and social status of the employees and employers.

Article 3

Economic and Social Council is the tripartite body composed of the representatives: the Republic Srpska Government (hereinafter: Government), the trade unions and the majority of employers associations at the level of the Republic (hereinafter referred to as social partners).

Article 4

- (1) Work of the Economic-social council shall be public.
- (2) Transparency is provided in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of Economic and Social Council.

Article 5

Economic and Social Council of the Republic Srpska (hereinafter: Council) was established for the territory of the Republic with headquarters in Banja Luka.

Article 6

- (1) The Council has nine members: three representatives of the Government, three representatives of the majority representative trade union and three representatives of the majority representative associations of employers.
- (2) Each member of the Council has deputy.
- (3) Deputy members participate in the work of the Council when a member does not attend a session; they replay the same rights and obligations.
- (4) Members and deputies of members elected or dismissed by the social partners, in accordance with their acts.

Article 7

- (1) Mandate of the members and deputy members of the Council is four years.
- (2) Members and deputy members of the Council may terminate the mandate before the expiry of the appointment in accordance with the acts of the social partners.

Article 8

- (1) The Council reviews and takes positions towards issues of development and promotion of the collective bargaining, the impact of economic policies and measures for its implementation of social development and stability of employment policy, wages and prices, competition and productivity, privatization and other structural issues adjustment, labor protection and environmental protection, education and professional training, health and social care and security, demographic trends and other issues important for the realization and promotion of the economic and social policy.
- (2) The Council determines the list of arbitrators, conciliators, intermediary bodies for the mediation and peaceful resolution of the labor disputes.

Article 9

- (1) In addition to the questions from Article 8 Council considers this Law and gives opinions and proposals on draft laws and other regulations of importance for economic and social status of the employees and employers.
- (2) The opinion in paragraph 1 of this Article the Council shall submit to the competent ministry that prepared the Law or other regulation.
- (3) The Ministry of paragraph 2 of this article is due no later than 30 days from receipt of opinions inform the Council about the attitudes of the Ministry taken on the occasion of the opinion of the Council.
- (4) If the competent Ministry and the Council fail to reach agreement in connection with the opinion of some regulation the Council may submit its opinion to the Government.

Article 10

- (1) The Council works at sessions and the committees, on which they bring acts on certain issues to determine suggestions, give opinions, make recommendations and take positions.
- (2) The acts referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article brought at the session on which the Council usually decides by consensus.
- (3) If the session does not reach consensus, the Council brings acts by majority vote of the total number of members of each of the social partners.

Article 11

- (1) To review issues within its jurisdiction the Council established working bodies - the commissions in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

(2) The Council in its work engages experts from specific areas, as well as representatives of the institutions and civil sector organizations that have no right of decision in the Council.

(3) Administrative and technical affairs for the Council professionally provide the Secretary of the Council.

Article 12

The Council brings The Rules of the Procedure and other acts, which specify the issues of importance to his work.

Article 13

The funds for the work of the Council provide in the budget of the Republic.

Article 14

(1) The Council annually submits a report on its work to the Government.

(2) The report specified in paragraph 1 of this Article is submitted to the competent authorities of the representative majority organizations of the trade unions and representative majority of the employers associations.

Article 15

Within 60 days after coming into force of this Law, the existing Council shall coordinate its activities and organization according to the provisions of this Law.

Article 16

This Law brings on force eight days after publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska.

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