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Independent Audit report and Statement of Operations for the year ended 31 December 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Management Committee of El Mufakirah Al Qanuniah-Legal Agenda

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the statement of operations of **El Mufakirah Al Qanuniah-Legal Agenda** (the Association), as at 31st December 2020.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of operations present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at 31st December 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Lebanon, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Going Concern

The Association financial statements have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. The use of this basis of accounting is appropriate unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. As part of our audit of the financial statements, we have concluded that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Association's financial statements is appropriate.

Management has not identified a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and accordingly none is disclosed in the financial statements. Based on our audit of the financial statements, we also have not identified such a material uncertainty. However, neither management nor the auditor can guarantee the Association's ability to continue as a going concern.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with IFRSs and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the planning and performance of the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
 fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
 evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting
 a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may
 involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal
 control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
 that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We are also required to provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Nadim A. Daher.

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Statement of Operations for the year ended 31 December 2020

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Amounts in US Dollars	Note	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
Income / sources of funds			
Received donations	6	879,354	992,066
Interest revenues earned from banks		3,832	16,321
Positive difference of exchange revenues		52,802	76
Total income		935,988	1,008,463
Disbursements			
Cost of projects		(703,089)	(510,119)
Administrative expenses	7	(111,642)	(175,719)
Salaries		(265,927)	(239,662)
Social security charges		(47,968)	(42,235)
Taxes and fees		(17,589)	(2,086)
Bank interest and commission charges		(5,086)	(2,211)
Negative difference of exchange charges			(3,342)
Total disbursements		(1,151,301)	(975,374)
Surplus from operations		(215,313)	33,089
Variation in other accounts receivable and payable		12,950	(43,303)
Acquisition of fixed assets		(36,587)	(5,051)
Total cash brought forward from last year		479,788	495,053
Cash Surplus of the year		240,838	479,788
Cash and cash equivalents (In USD)		31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
Banks		239,981	464,647
Cash		857	15,141
Total cash and cash equivalents	8	240,838	479,788

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Notes to the statement of operations for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Establishment and operations

Legal Agenda was incorporated under Ministry of Interior notification n° 2360 dated 22nd December 2009.

2. Local Address

The address of the association is in Laure and Joseph Meghizel Street, Badaro, Beirut.

3. Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the association are as follows:

- Follow-up the legal activities issued by any of the official authorities (laws, decrees, decisions, circulars, judicial judgments etc.) and specially, the activities published in the official Gazette and rectify them.
- Follow-up the projects of legal activities issued by the official authorities or any if the projects placed for public discussion and rectify them.
- Follow-up lawsuits and legal disputes placed for public discussion and rectify them.
- Inform the public opinion of all the above-mentioned matters.
- To achieve its objectives, the Association should perform all the activities within the framework of its subject, including to organize informative and cultural sessions, research seminars and symposiums, forums, exhibitions and conferences; issue periodical and non-periodical publications, to document information, exchange expertise, make studies, use audio-visual means, achieve its subject individually or with the participation, corporation, contribution of individuals or official authorities or other associations, companies, syndicates, universities, schools or establishments having the same subject or an analogous or complimentary subject in Lebanon and overseas as well as to carry out all activities related directly or indirectly to the aforementioned subject.

4. Representative of the Association

The general assembly of Legal Agenda held on 8^{th} February 2020 elected the following executive board representing the association:

Mrs. Lama Karameh: President
Mrs. Mona Omar: Vice President
Mr. Nadi Abi Rached: Secretary
Mrs Hala Kerbage: Member
Mr. Tarek Zeidan: Member

5. Main accounting principles

The financial statements and accompanying notes are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) applied in Lebanon on a cash basis.

Consistency

In order for users to be able to compare the performance of the association in between periods, consistent accounting policies and procedures are applied by the association from one period to another. This does not mean that the association cannot change accounting policies if it changes in its activities, however, the cumulative effect of the change must be accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements.

Going concern assumption

It is presumed (subject to rebuttal by evidence to the contrary) that the association will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

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Received donations

The donations received by the association are detailed by donor as follows:

Description (in USD)	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
Open Society Foundation	258,333	_
Swiss Embassy (FDFA)	229,934	254,595
OXFAM	118,742	37,704
Heinrich Boell foundation	116,247	90,824
Abaad	44,558	-
Mozilla	42,000	-
ILO	36,624	57,359
KAS	20,627	14,637
Defenders support to human rights	9,665	-
Other donors	2,624	330
FORD	-	323,401
European union	-	183,349
KI-LB	-	11,000
OHCHR	-	8,639
Dignity	-	5,228
AFE	-	5,000
Total	879,354	992,066

Administrative expenses

The administrative expenses are detailed as follows:

Description (in USD)	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19	
Rent and related charges	26,201	41,266	
Employees transportation allowances	18,209	16,368	
Audit fees	9,660	3,330	
Repair and maintenance expenses	8,952	22,494	
Travel expenses	6,738	40,568	
Advertising expenses	5,526	3,338	
Printing and stationery expenses	5,281	10,442	
Other expenses	4,987	592	
Transportation expenses	3,983	3,441	
Telecommunication expenses	3,843	5,083	
Formality charges	3,684	5,757	
Subscription expenses	3,643	-	
Heat, water and electricity	3,094	2,941	
Fuel expenses	2,973	4,326	
Cleaning expenses	2,942	2,765	
Entertainment and reception expenses	1,378	7,690	
Notary fees	398	578	
Donations	150	2,765	
Accounting fees	-	1,975	
Total	111,642	175,719	

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Cash & Banks

The balance of this caption represents the cash on hand and available at banks detailed as follows:

Description	31-Dec-20		31-Dec-19	
Description	In LBP	In USD	In LBP	In USD
BLC Bank S.A.L / USD	_	150,705	-	464,405
Bank of Beirut S.A.L / USD	-	74,200		
BLC Bank S.A.L / LBP	22,726,993	15,076	364,135	242
Total		239,981		464,647
Petty Cash / LBP	990,000	657	-	-
Petty Cash / USD	-	200	-	15,141
Total		857		15,141
Total		240,838		479,788