

## Forming charitable association for calling to Allaah

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

### *The Islaamic ruling on the establishment of a charitable association for the purpose of undertaking the call to Allaah*

All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

The majority of associations, whatever might be their characteristics, if they act upon allegiance and disavowal, love and hostility, or consider their leaders' and rulers' decisions a rule without considering the proofs, or among their principles is to show compliance with the opinions held by the group and deeming them conclusive and not subject to argument or criticism. Based on this consideration, it is a partisan association even if it is given an Islaamic appellation; even more, it is in opposition to Allaah and His Messenger, because the axle of allegiance and disavowal is the believing in Allaah and His Messenger, Allaah سبحانه و said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

[O you who believe! Make not (a decision) in advance before Allaah and his Messenger, and fear Allaah. Verily, Allaah is All-Hearing, All-knowing.]<sup>1</sup>

And said:

لَا تَجِدُ قَوْمًا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ يُوَادُّونَ مَنْ حَادَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۚ وَلَوْ كَانُوا آبَاءَهُمْ أَوْ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ أَوْ إِخْوَانَهُمْ أَوْ عَشِيرَتَهُمْ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ كَتَبَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَأَيَّدَهُم بِرُوحٍ مِّنْهُ ۖ وَيُدْخِلُهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ فِيهَا رِضَىٰ ۖ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ ۖ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ حِزْبُ اللَّهِ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

[You (O Muhammad-peace be upon him) will not find any people who believe in Allaah and the last day, making friendship with those who oppose Allaah and his Messenger (Muhammad-peace be upon him), even though they were their fathers or their sons or their brothers or their kindred (people). For such He has written faith in their hearts, and strengthened them with Rooh (proofs, light and true guidance) from Himself. And he will admit them to Gardens (paradise) under which rivers flow to dwell therein forever. Allaah is pleased with them, and they with Him. They are the party of Allaah. Verily, it is the party of Allaah that will be the successful.]<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Soorah al-Hujaraat [49:1]

<sup>2</sup> Soorah al-Mujadilah [58:22]

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So, the partisan gathering is abhorred, it divided our nation into sects and sides and this brings weakness through times, whereas, our religion ordered us to reunite around the Creed of Tawheed (Islamic Monotheism) and to follow the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم; Allaah سبحانه و تعالى said:

وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

[And hold fast, all of you together, to the rope of Allaah (i.e. this Qur'aan), and not be divided among yourselves.]<sup>3</sup>

And He سبحانه و تعالى said:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيَعًا لَسْتَ مِنْهُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ

[Verily, those who divide their religion and break up into sects (all kinds of religious sects), you (O Muhammad -peace be upon him) have no concern in them in the least.]<sup>4</sup>

Despite the prohibition of the partisan gathering, it does not matter with the legal cooperation founded on virtue and piety measured by the Qur'aan and Sunnah because Allaah سبحانه و تعالى said:

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالنَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ

[Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwaa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression.]<sup>5</sup>

The religious cooperation also encompasses that which the ruler undertake including the organisation of the Muslims in the form of official institutions such as ministries, companies and associations which do not have any sign of partisan or prejudiced characteristic in their respective functions and allowed acts which revolve around the religious and worldly life, such as the companies and associations which have a professional or charitable aspect and suchlike institutions which do not contradict the Sharee'ah law in its moral qualities and line of conduct, and do not contradict its objectives. All this is addressed by the religious texts which dispraise deserting the unity of the Ummah (Muslim nation) which is commanded to be one. Allaah سبحانه و تعالى said:

وَإِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاتَّقُونِ

[And verily, this your religion (of Islamic Monotheism) is one religion, and I am your Lord, so fear (keep your duty to) Me.]<sup>6</sup>

Accordingly, the collaboration measured on virtue and piety is recommended, otherwise it will be refused.

<sup>3</sup> Soorah Aal 'Imraan [3:103]

<sup>4</sup> Soorah al-An'aam [6:159]

<sup>5</sup> Soorah al-Maa'idah [5:2]

<sup>6</sup> Soorah al-Mu'minoon [23:52]

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The perfect knowledge belongs to The All-Mighty Allaah; and our last prayer is all the praises and thanks are to Allaah, The Lord of the Worlds, and prayers of Allaah are to Muhammad and his Family, Companions and Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.

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