



**Association for a secular Lebanon  
Belgian-Lebanese initiative**

*de facto association*

**Association pour un Liban laïque.  
Initiative belgo-libanaise.**

*association de fait*

The « Association pour un Liban laïque – Association for a secular Lebanon » is a pluralist de facto association, which is independent from all political parties. It aims at promoting the establishment and the reinforcement of a secular state in Lebanon through democratic means.

The association's activity is in keeping with a deep respect of the various religions, cultures and identities, which make, since always, the richness of Lebanon.

It also intends to continue to work for the protection of the religious practices in the private sphere, just as for the protection of all the minorities.

The association estimates that it is the secularity of the State which guarantees best to the citizen the free choice of his religious and philosophical membership.

For the "Association for a secular Lebanon », the secularity of the State is the essential base of a democratic republic.

The "Association for a secular Lebanon», is also at the sides of those who seek more social emancipation through the commitment of citizens.

Lastly, and beyond the secularization of the State, the secularity advocated by the association aims at promoting equality between all the Lebanese citizens, mainly by the knowledge and the education, without which there is no real freedom of thinking can be achieved.

In order to carry out its objectives, the association can organize in Belgium any socio-cultural type of activity, seminar trainings, symposiums or conferences; it can publish any work, book, CD, movie (short, medium

or full-length film); it can also organize (alone or in collaboration with other associations - cultural centres or private firms that hold culturally-oriented events and shows-) any film festival or take part in the promotion of modern or traditional Arab and Lebanese music, as well as pictorial works ; it can distribute any information material that can help promote its activities or support similar activities undertaken by other Belgian, Lebanese or Middle-Eastern associations in order to promote secularity in its most tolerant form.