

Organic Law No. 2018-34 of June 6, 2018, approving the accession of the Republic of Tunisia to the third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (1).

On behalf of the people,

The Assembly of People's Representatives having adopted,

The President of the Republic promulgates the organic law, the content of which is as follows:

Sole Article - The accession of the Republic of Tunisia to the third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, adopted in New York by the United Nations General Assembly through Resolution No. 66/138 on December 19, 2011, and annexed to this organic law, is hereby approved.

This organic law shall be published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Tunisia and enforced as a law of the State.

Tunis, June 6, 2018.

*The President of the Republic
Mohamed Béji Caïd Essebsi*

(1) Preparatory work:

Discussion and adoption by the Assembly of the Representatives of the People at its session on May 23, 2018.

Law No. 2018-35 of June 11, 2018, relating to corporate social responsibility (1).

On behalf of the people,

The Assembly of People's Representatives having adopted,

The President of the Republic promulgates the following law:

Article 1 - The law on corporate social responsibility aims to give concrete expression to the principle of reconciliation between businesses and their environmental and social environment through their contribution to the process of sustainable development and good governance, in accordance with the legislation in force.

(1) Preparatory work:

Discussion and adoption by the Assembly of People's Representatives at its session on May 29, 2018.

Corporate social responsibility is in line with the principles enshrined in the Constitution, the international community on the basis of the United Nations Charter on Social Responsibility, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the charters of the International Labor Organization, and the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development.

Social responsibility is considered a principle adopted by companies as part of their commitment to take responsibility for the impact of their activities on society and the environment, through the adoption of transparent behavior that benefits society at the regional level.

Art. 2 - The provisions of this law apply to public institutions and public and private companies.

The companies mentioned in the first paragraph must allocate funds to finance social responsibility programs.

Art. 3 - Projects falling within the scope of corporate social responsibility are carried out in the following areas, among others:

- the environment and sustainable development,
- rationalization of the exploitation of natural resources and their valorization,
- skills development and employment,
- good governance.

Art. 4 - Pursuant to this law, a regional steering committee for social responsibility is hereby established, responsible for prioritizing interventions in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 above.

The composition, powers, and responsibilities of the committee shall be determined by government decree, in accordance with the principles of neutrality, independence, and accountability.

Art. 5 - The company concerned, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 above, shall monitor issues relating to social responsibility and propose and monitor projects in coordination with the regional committee.

The company concerned may implement its social responsibility projects after consulting the regional committee.

Companies shall publish reports on the projects that have been implemented and ensure that they are made widely available.

Art. 6 - An observatory on social responsibility shall be established within the Presidency of the Government, responsible for:

- monitoring social responsibility programs and ensuring their compliance with the principles of good governance and sustainable development,

- examining the final reports submitted to it annually by the regional committees,

- preparing an annual report on the state of social responsibility, which it shall submit to the President of the Republic, the President of the Assembly of People's Representatives, and the Head of Government,

- awarding an annual prize to the best company in terms of social responsibility,

- striving to achieve balance between regions and compensatory inequality in social responsibility programs, in accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution,

- to establish and manage an electronic platform for corporate social responsibility.

The composition, organization, and operation of the observatory shall be determined by government decree.

This law shall be published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Tunisia and enforced as a law of the State.

Tunis, June 11, 2018.

The President of the Republic
Mohamed Béji Caïd Essebsi