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TO ENABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY AND REGISTERED IN THE NAMES OF CORPORATE BODIES.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Corporate Bodies (Immovable Property Registration) Law, 1908. Short title.

2. For the purposes of this Law, unless the context otherwise requires:— Definitions.

The term "Immovable Property" means and includes lands, trees, vines, water, houses and other buildings and constructions of all descriptions and of any category, and any share or interest therein (not being a leasehold interest) but does not include any lands, trees, vines, water, houses or other buildings or constructions whereof the ownership is by any law or custom not required to be registered in the books of the Land Registry Office.

The term "Corporate Body" means and includes:—

(*a.*) Any Company, Association or Society already incorporated or which may hereafter be incorporated under any Act of Parliament in the United Kingdom, or under any Law, Ordinance, or other Enactment of any British Colony or Possession;

(*b.*) Any Company, Association, Society or other body the corporate existence of which is recognized by the Laws of the State within which it has its principal place of business;

(*c.*) Any Collectif, Commandite or Anonyme partnership or Company formed under the Ottoman Commercial Code and qualified to pursue its business within the Island;

(*d.*) Any Agricultural Bank established in Cyprus under the provisions of the Agricultural Bank Law, 1890.

(*e.*) Any Charitable, Philanthropic, Social or Athletic Institution or Association not established or conducted for commercial gain.

3. Immovable property may be acquired by and registered in the books of the Land Registry Office in the name of a corporate body, and when so registered the following provisions shall have effect:— Registration of immovable property in name of corporate body.

(*a.*) The Laws and Regulations for the time being in force with regard to the tenure of such property shall apply in as full and the like manner as to the same property held and enjoyed by private individuals;

(*b.*) A corporate body in whose name immovable property is registered shall have, with reference to the sale, mortgage or other disposition of such property, the same rights as are by Law conferred upon individuals in whose names immovable property is registered.

Evidence required on registration.

4. On application to register immovable property in the name of a corporate body there shall be produced to the Registrar-General, and recorded by him if registration is effected :—

(1.) In the case where incorporated in the United Kingdom or any British Colony or Possession;

(*a.*) A certificate of incorporation under the hand of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies or of an Assistant Registrar;

(*b.*) A copy of any Act, Ordinance, Statute or other Enactment under the provisions of which such corporate body was created, and purporting to have been printed by the Government Printer or at the Government Printing Office of such Colony or Possession.

(2.) In the case where incorporated otherwise than in the United Kingdom or a British Colony or Possession copies of the Law, Order, or Enactment, and of any act or deed made thereunder by virtue of which, the corporate body was incorporated or its corporate existence recognized, every such copy being proved to be true and correct by the oath or solemn declaration of some officer of the corporation made before a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace in Great Britain or Ireland, or before a British Consul, or before the President of a District Court in Cyprus.

(3.)—(*a.*) In the case of a Collectif or Commandite partnership or Company, a copy of the articles of partnership certified by the Registrar of a District Court to be a true copy of the articles of partnership produced to him at the time of the certification of such copy.

(*b.*) In the case of an Anonyme Company a copy of the Order of the High Commissioner authorizing the incorporation of such company pursuant to the provisions of the Ottoman Commercial Code;

(4.) In the case of an Agricultural Bank, a certificate under the hand of the Chief Secretary to Government or any officer authorized to act on his behalf testifying that such Bank has been duly established in Cyprus;

(5.) In the case of a Charitable, Philanthropic, Social or Athletic Institution or Association an affidavit by the President or Chairman of the Committee or Managing Body thereof to the effect