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any damage they cause in the performance of their functions;

4. To ensure that the composition and diversity of Water and Sanitation Committees satisfies in a balanced manner the requirements of participation of stakeholders, particularly women, and that of merit and competence;

5. To solve the need for a reliable supply of water with adequate qualities for domestic purposes as well as to promote the health and sanitation problems of its members;

6. To better coordinate the knowledge, resources and labour of rural domestic water users in the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of water supply water supply systems;

7. To do all things necessary and expedient for the accomplishment of the aforesaid objectives.

PART TWO

ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY USERS ASSOCIATIONS

5. Formation and Registration of Rural Domestic Water Supply Users Associations

1. Rural domestic water supply users' associations shall be established in various areas of the Region pursuant to the provisions of this Proclamation.

2. The formation, registration and supervision of rural domestic water users' associations shall be in line with provisions of the Civil Code of Ethiopia on the formation of

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5. Assist in the maintenance of the water supply system where called upon by the water and sanitation committee.

PART THREE
ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

12. Organs of the Association

The Association shall have:

1. A General Assembly,
2. An executive water and sanitation committee,
3. The necessary staff

13. The General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the highest authority of the association, composed of each and every member thereof.
2. Where calling to a meeting of all members of the association is deemed impossible and impractical because of their large numbers, the by-laws of the association may provide that persons elected by members in a Gots, Sub-Kebelles or Kebelles from among themselves and consisting of equal numbers of females and males may constitute the General Assembly of the Association.
3. A meeting of the General Assembly shall be called once a year, to review the achievements and the problems of the water supply system. The chairperson of the water and sanitation committee shall present a progress report concerning progress, problems and achievements of the association during the year under review.
4. Other meetings of the General Assembly may

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be called:

- a) at the discretion of the water and sanitation committee when circumstance demand an extraordinary meeting, or
 - b) upon a written request submitted by not less than twenty five percent of the members,
 - c) by the regulatory body where the water and sanitation committee fails to call a meeting.
5. A quorum for General Assembly meetings shall consist of not less than one half of the total members of the General Assembly.

14. Powers and Duties of the General Assembly

As the highest authority of the association, the General Assembly is the body to which the water and sanitation committee is accountable for its management and administration of all association activities. Without prejudices to the generalities hereof of the General Assembly shall:

1. Determine the registration fee for membership as well as the applicable tariff to be paid for water and other services;
2. Elect the members of the water and sanitation committee as a whole and assign from among those elected specific offices;
3. Fix, as necessary incentives, such as sitting allowances to meetings, for the members of the water and sanitation committee.
4. Approve and amend the bye laws and internal regulations of the Association;
5. Approve or amend the annual work plan and budget submitted by the water and sanitation committee;
6. Receive and deliberate upon the annual report and audited accounts relating to the

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Association activities as well as accept, subject to such qualifications as the General Assembly may see fit, such report and accounts;

7. Approve the dismissal or acceptance of members from Association;

8. Elect and dismiss from office all or any member of the water and sanitation committee;

9. Prepare policy related guidelines for the effective and efficient management of domestic water supply;

10. Collaborate with government organizations, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector and funding agencies in technical and financial matters as well as, where appropriate and cost effective, in contracting out services to service providers.

15. The Water And Sanitation Committee

1. Rural domestic water users associations shall have water and sanitation committees which shall be elected by and accountable only to the General Assembly of the association.

2. Water and sanitation committee members shall be elected only from the members of the association.

3. The number of water and sanitation committee members shall be determined in the bye laws of the Association but shall be no less than 7 individuals of which (whenever possible) the majority shall be women.

4. Criteria for election shall emphasize merit and competence.

5. The term of office of water and sanitation

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them by the regulatory body, review water tariffs and charges for other services in a manner that will cover at least the operation and maintenance of the water supply system and related structures in consultation with consumer communities and implement the same upon agreement and consensus;

3. Subject to the general directives and policies approved by the General Assembly, have full procurement autonomy to purchase goods and engage the services they require, including contracting out for services which require special skills to service providers for more effective and efficient operation and maintenance of the water supply systems and getting into management contracts, as well as to make any arrangements they find efficient and cost effective for carrying out such procurements;

4. Ensure that its members are provided with training regarding the operation and maintenance of the system, the protection of the supply sources from pollution and wastage as well as regarding the sanitation facilities required to keep its members from water borne diseases and other diseases;

5. Ensure the availability of equipment, materials and spare parts required for the maintenance and upkeep of the water services;

6. Keep in contact with woreda water offices as regards the provision of technical assistance and advise;

7. Maintain the minutes of its own meetings in writing;

8. Keep proper records of financial transactions as well as maintain records of physical assets of the association;

9. Keep an up-dated registration of members with

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10. Prepare the annual work program and budget
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11. Ensure that the rights and obligations of
members are correctly observed;

12. Call the meetings of the General Assembly and
report about the finances and activities of the
association.

13. Employ and fix the remuneration of such staff
as may be found necessary for the day-to-day
management of the system based on salary and
benefits plan approved by the General
Assembly;

14. Send on copy of the financial and activity
report, when submitting the same to the
General Assembly;

15. Execute such other decisions as may be made
by the General Assembly.

17. Liability Of Water and Sanitation Committees

Water and sanitation committees shall be
collectively and individually liable under the
law for any damage they cause intentionally or
negligently in the performance of their
functions.

18. Source of Funds

1. The funds of the association shall consist of:

a. Income from the sale of water as well as
fees and charges from connections of
pipelines and related other activities,

b. Revenue obtained from property sales;

c. Contributions made by the members of the
association as per decisions of the General
Assembly,

d. In cash or in kind contributions from the
various other bodies such as humanitarian
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- a. covering all operation and maintenance costs,
- b. undertaking rehabilitation or expansion works,
- c. providing public sanitation facilities;
- d. meeting any other developmental needs of the community as approved by the General Assembly of the association.

19. Indivisibility of the Assets of the Association

The assets of the association shall not be divided among its members or any other party.

20. Books of Accounts and Annual Reports

All Associations shall hold complete and accurate books of accounts in manner and format that will be prescribed the regulatory body.

21. Financial Year

The financial year of the associations shall be the financial year of the Region.

22. Audit and Inspection

- 1. The regulatory body or a body designated by it shall audit the accounts of an association hereunder established, at least once a year within three months of the close of the fiscal year.
- 2. The audit report shall be submitted to the General Assembly and the regulatory body.
- 3. The regulatory body may also, at any time, make or cause to be made by such person as it may assign a surprise inspection of the association's work execution, documents and financial conditions.

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organizing, strengthening, and develop the technical and managerial capacity that will lead them to self-sufficiency and sustainability as well as the enforcement of the provisions of Articles 468 to 482 of the Civil Code of Ethiopia.

2. It shall take all other necessary steps that are consistent with and ensure the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this Proclamation.

26. Policy Implementation

The regulatory body shall ensure that the basic policy statements stated in the federal water resources policy with regard to rural domestic water supply, including the principles of community-based management, operation and maintenance cost recovery, are adhered to.

27. Categorization

The regulatory body shall, as a matter of priority, develop criteria for determining which water supply systems or collection of water supply systems can be organized in to self-sufficient associations of primary or higher level taking into account:

1. The benefits of economy of scale;
2. Complementarities of system types and technologies,
3. The need to ensure that the water and sanitation committees function effectively as management committees,
4. The need to have hired personnel to take of the day to day operation and maintenance of the water supply systems including collection of water charges,

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and make changes that support policy implementation tasks and activities.

4. Prepare and implement manuals containing powers and duties as well as job descriptions of departments, sections and individuals.

33. Coordination of Stakeholders

The regulatory body shall ensure that there is overall coordination of domestic water supply activities carried out in the region by various stakeholders, including NGOs so that activities are carried out in accordance with the over all plan of the concerned sector of the Region.

34. Development of Procedures and Methodologies for Fixing and Reviewing Water Tariffs

The regulatory body shall prepare and disseminate an approach and methodology for fixing and, as necessary, changing tariffs that will enable water supply systems to cover the operation and maintenance costs of rural domestic water supply systems including taking care of the day to day operation of water supply systems, salaries of hired staff and providing reasonable incentives for water and sanitation committee members as necessary.

PART FIVE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

35. Transfer of Assets as well as Rights and Liabilities

All properties and assets, including the water supply system and related movable and immovable property as well as debts and liabilities of rural domestic water supply systems which existed prior to the coming into effect of this Proclamation shall be transferred to the newly established rural domestic water user associations.

36. Power to Issue Regulations

The Regional Administration Council shall have the power to issue Regulations necessary for the implementation of this Proclamation.

37. Power to Issue Directives

