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The Relationship Between Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi and Act4KSU

From its early days of establishment, Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi always strived to assist the law student to obtain a better experience during University life. This is carried out through a number of initiatives, divided through different areas of organization, that ultimately helped Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi to become what it really is today. The Society helps the students academically by providing them with notes and publications, which serve as indispensable material for the student's academic development, while organizing numerous non-academic activities all throughout the year. Moreover, Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi has been pro-active in serving and being the most essential link between the law student and the University Administration, and has been in the forefront in receiving and tackling complaints, for the benefit of a better smooth running of the law course; but most importantly, for the utmost benefit of the law student himself.

While keeping the best interest of the law student in mind, Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi always emphasized the need of being independent when carrying out the aforementioned tasks. This principle has always been one of the most fundamental cornerstones of the Society, and its importance led that such principle should be enshrined in the Society's Statute. Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi has always distanced itself from any affiliation with civil or religious bodies, political parties, commercial institution or any other society. On the other hand, the same Statute encourages the Society to foster links with other student bodies and organizations, so that the basic role of the Society in representing the law student is brought out even outside

the Law Faculty. While fully convinced that this principle is respected, the 2008/2009 Gh.S.L. Executive Board decided to embark on a project, upon the invitation by Act4KSU to support this organization to be elected in KSU. The Executive Board believed that the participation of Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi in such a totally independent organization created by a conglomeration of other student organizations would yield a greater participation of the law student in the highest student body found at the University of Malta. Needless to say, the contribution of Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi has been a very important one, and this culminated in the nomination of one candidate that contested the 2009 KSU Election in the name of Act4KSU.

While reiterating the principle of independence, one has to point out the fact that the participation of Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi in Act4KSU lasted until the 2009 KSU Elections, so that any future Gh.S.L. Executive Boards will not be bound by any compulsory participation in Act4KSU, always if the latter's effective existence would continue. This has been part of the agreement reached between the Gh.S.L. Executive Board and Act4KSU. The fact that the co-operation between Għaqda Studenti tal-Liġi and Act4KSU continued up till the 2009 KSU Elections is highlighted through the fact that the Society has no say and in deciding on the future existence of Act4KSU.

Any future co-operation, support and participation in its activities with Act4KSU is solely a matter which has to be decided by the Gh.S.L. Executive Board and the Society will be solely bound by such decision.

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