



## The Environmental Document of the Green Party Lebanon

In view of the environmental situation in Lebanon reaching destruction and degradation; the Green Party of Lebanon declares an “*Environmental Emergency*”. With this document, the Green Party of Lebanon is able to present a clear and defined program that includes the Party’s pressing developmental and environmental views:

### The Legal Means to Protect the Environment

The environment in Lebanon is subject to the Law of the Jungle, therefore needs a legal and executive tool to protect it. The Green Party of Lebanon calls to examine and ratify the proposed draft law it already prepared and presented to the Members of the Lebanese Parliament:

- 1- *The Green Brigade*: Is a draft bill prepared and presented by the Green Party in order to create a military division constituted of the various Lebanese Security and Military Forces under the direction of the Lebanese Army. Its function is to supervise and execute judicial laws and verdicts.
- 2- *The Environmental Public Prosecution*: Is a proposed draft law presented by the Green Party of Lebanon aimed at amending the penal proceedings code law and adding an environmental public prosecution.
- 3- *The Quality and Litigation to Associations*: This is a draft bill that was presented to the government where it was discussed in one parliamentary session.

### The Ministry of Environment

- 4- Merge the Ministry of Municipalities and the Ministry of Environment.
- 5- Agree to always designate a Minister of Environment who works in and is well aware of the environmental field. Consider the Ministry of Environment as one of the most important ministries and allocate an appropriate budget for its role to alleviate it from a consultative body, to become one of the most effective ministries that completely fulfills its administrative and reforming role.

### The Civil Organization

- 6- Examine and ratify immediately, within less than one year, the regional instructive plans for the use of the Lebanese lands.
- 7- Examine and ratify a draft law to end the occupation of marine and other public properties and to recover the Lebanese people’s rights of their lands, beaches and rivers.
- 8- Issue application decrees regarding the development of urban planning in accordance with the environment. This is to confront the society’s deformation, the demographic change and the pollution, in order to preserve the society’s cultural identity



### **The Forest Wealth and the Biological Diversity**

Since green spaces in Lebanon are the essential component of reviving Lebanon's healthy, environmental, touristic and economic spirit; the Green Party of Lebanon calls to adhere to the following plan:

- 9- Ratify the plan adopted by the Green Party of Lebanon and prepared by the *Association for Forest Development and Conservation (AFDC)* in order to completely conserve what remains of Lebanon's Forests. This plan includes: (a) reforestation and wooding; aiming at increasing the green cover in Lebanon from 12% to 20%, (b) ratify the allocation of the appropriate budget for the above mentioned in the following ministries: Environment, Agriculture and Interior in addition to the municipalities (c) consider this plan a national priority.
- 10- Promulgate application decrees regarding the Wild Hunting Law.

### **Rural Development and Decentralized Administration:**

In view that the countryside in Lebanon suffers from underdevelopment and the centralized administration is incapable of promoting regional growth, the Green Party of Lebanon calls to adhere to the following:

- 11- Implement administrative decentralization in Lebanon.

### **Water**

When water is one of Lebanon's most important treasures and with Lebanon benefiting from less than 11% from its water reserve, the Green Party of Lebanon calls to protect the water and soil as well as to confront the problem of industrial pollutants by adhering to the following:

- 12- Issue a draft law binding factories to refine the waste water before draining it, and call upon the Ministry of Industry to control the implementation.
- 13- Adopt a policy to fix water tariffs according to the quantity used through installing water meters for all users (and not according to the annual subscription per cubic meter).
- 14- Demand that the urban planning council reviews the sanitary sewers specifications in the Lebanese countryside and be firm about the implantation measures.

### **Energy:**

In view that energy rationalization is a major component in preserving a clean environment, the Green Party of Lebanon calls to confront energy over-consumption by adhering to the following:

- 15- Adopt economic lighting in all the public administrations and institutions by 2009 in order to economize energy consumption.



- 16- Issue a draft law binding new constructed buildings to adhere to high environmental standards by using renewable energy; especially solar ones, and securing spaces for installing solar system heaters.

### **Waste**

Since the good waste administration leads to health, environment and tourism protection the Green Party of Lebanon calls to adhere to the following:

- 17- The necessity of waste sorting in order to sort the recyclable material such as; glass, board, paper and plastic.
- 18- Bind all hospitals in Lebanon to treat medical wastes within established mechanisms within one year.
- 19- Treat the dumps of Bourj Hammoud, Sidon, Sarafand and Tripoli.
- 20- Allocate within two years specified areas to treat wastes in with the cooperation of the ministries, administrations and municipalities.

We, the undersigned, vow and commit to seriously and constantly work in the Parliament and in the administrations we are appointed to, to achieve the above set goals presented by the Green Party of Lebanon and to promote and examine the aforementioned law proposals with the aim of promulgating them. We adhere to raise full environmental awareness in the Lebanese society.

### **The Green Party of Lebanon**