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NOTE:

The translation of Saudi laws takes the following into consideration:

- Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
- Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
- Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
- The word “person” or “persons” and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them) refer to a natural and legal person.



Statute of the Council of Family Affairs

Article 1

In this Statute, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned thereto:

Council: The Council of Family Affairs.

Minister: The Minister of Labor and Social Development.

Chairman: The Chairman of the Council.

Secretary-General: The Secretary-General of the Council.

Article 2

Under this Statute, a Council named The Council of Family Affairs shall be established and it shall be chaired by the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development. The Council shall report to the Council of Economic and Development Affairs and it shall have a legal personality and financial and administrative independence. The Council shall be headquartered in the city of Riyadh and may, as necessary, establish branches and offices within the Kingdom.

Article 3

1. The Council shall be formed as follows:
 - a) The Minister, chairman
 - b) A representative from the Ministry of Interior, member
 - c) A representative from the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Dawah, and Guidance, member
 - d) A representative from the Ministry of Justice, member
 - e) A representative from the Ministry of Labor and Social Development, member
 - f) A representative from the Ministry of Economy and Planning, member
 - g) A representative from the Ministry of Health, member
 - h) A representative from the Ministry of Media, member
 - i) A representative from the Ministry of Education, member
 - j) Four female experts specializing in the affairs of children, women, and the elderly.
 - k) A representative from the Ministry of Culture, member.
 - l) A representative from the Human Rights Commission, member
2. The Chairman shall designate a vice-chairman from among Council members.
3. The rank of representatives of government agencies shall not be lower than Grade Excellent or its equivalent.



4. Members referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be appointed pursuant to a decision by the Council of Ministers based on a nomination by the Chairman, for a term of three years, renewable once.

Article 4

The Council shall aim to promote the role of the family in society as well as maintain its integrity and unity in order to appropriately raise children and observe religious, ethical, and moral values. To this end, the Council shall exercise necessary powers, particularly the following:

1. Drafting a strategy for the family in coordination with relevant agencies, submitting the same for completion of statutory procedures, monitoring its implementation, and conducting periodic assessment thereof.
2. Encouraging relevant government agencies and private entities to perform their roles, achieve their objectives, and coordinate among them to form a common vision for the family.
3. Raising awareness of family members on their rights and duties in Islam.
4. Identifying and addressing challenges and risks facing the family.
5. Raising community awareness on family issues and ways to address them.
6. Encouraging the private sector to engage in family issues and propose solutions therefor.
7. Providing recommendations to relevant agencies regarding national reports on the family (children, women, and the elderly) in the Kingdom.
8. Providing opinions and comments on reports, studies, inquiries, and recommendations issued by regional and international bodies and organizations regarding any family-related activities and programs, and proposing recommendations thereon without prejudice to the powers of relevant agencies.
9. Submitting proposals regarding family-related legislation.
10. Creating a database for family affairs.
11. Cooperating with regional and international bodies and organizations concerned with family affairs, and participating in family-related conferences and symposia through specialized committees, in accordance with applicable procedures.
12. Cooperating with local and international research centers to conduct family-related research and studies, in accordance with applicable procedures.
13. Adopting the Council's financial and administrative regulations, provided that the administrative regulations are approved in agreement with the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development and that the financial regulations and relevant financial provisions in the administrative regulations are approved in agreement with the Ministry of Finance.
14. Approving the Council's organizational structure.
15. Adopting the Council's draft annual budget, final account, auditor's report, and annual report in preparation for submission per applicable statutory procedures.
16. Accepting gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and endowments offered to the Council.



Article 5

1. The Council shall convene upon a call by its Chairman, or vice-chairman, at least twice a year, or whenever the need arises, or at the request of one-third of its members. The meeting shall not be valid unless attended by the majority of Council members, including the Chairman or vice-chairman.
2. Council decisions and recommendations shall be passed by the majority vote of attending members; in case of a tie, the meeting chairman shall have the casting vote.
3. The Council may invite non-members to attend its meetings in a non-voting capacity.
4. Council meetings shall be held at its headquarters and may be held at any other venue designated by the Chairman.
5. Council deliberations and decisions shall be recorded into minutes signed by the meeting chairman and attending members.
6. Council decisions may not be passed by circulation, except when necessary, provided they are approved by all Council members in writing. Said decisions shall be entered into the minutes of the subsequent meeting.

Article 6

The Council shall, as necessary, form standing or ad hoc specialized committees, provided that they include committees concerned with the affairs of children, women, and the elderly. The Council shall select committee members and specify the work procedures and governance of said committees.

Article 7

The Council shall have a general secretariat headed by a secretary-general appointed by the Chairman. The General-Secretariat shall report to the Chairman.

Article 8

The Secretary-General shall assume all the Secretariat's administrative, financial, and technical duties that serve the purpose of the Council and shall, in particular, exercise the following powers:

1. Preparing the agendas of Council meetings.
2. Appointing and supervising Council staff members in accordance with the regulations.
3. Overseeing studies conducted by task forces working in the Secretariat, or by specialized committees or other committees formed by the Council.
4. Coordinating with relevant government agencies and private entities in matters relevant to the Council's work.
5. Communicating Council decisions and proposals to relevant agencies and monitoring their implementation.
6. Proposing technical, administrative, and financial rules governing the work of the Secretariat and submitting the same to the Council for approval.



7. Overseeing the drafting of the Council's budget and final account and submitting the same to the Council.
8. Preparing reports on the work and achievements of the Council at the end of each fiscal year and submitting the same to the Council.
9. Conducting research and studies related to the Council's work through specialized committees.
10. Representing the Council before judicial bodies, administrative agencies, and others. He may delegate others to carry out the same.
11. Carrying out any other task assigned thereto by the Council.

Article 9

1. The Council shall be allocated a budget within the State budget. Disbursement therefrom shall be made pursuant to a decision by the Chairman. The Council's financial resources shall be as follows:
 - a) Allocations from the State budget.
 - b) Gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and endowments accepted by the Council in accordance with relevant applicable rules.
2. Council funds shall be deposited in an account with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority. Disbursement from such account shall be made in accordance with the Council's approved budget.

Article 10

Council employees shall be subject to the Labor Law and the Social Insurance Law.

Article 11

The Chairman shall submit an annual report to the Prime Minister on family affairs in the Kingdom including the achievements and challenges of the Council.

Article 12

This Statute shall enter into force 90 days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.