

Resolution of Council of Ministers No. (15) of 2017 on the Establishment of the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking

The Council of Ministers,

After having perused the Constitution,

The Law No. (15) of 2011 on Combating Human Trafficking,

The Emiri Decree No. (29) of 1996 regarding Council of Ministers' Resolutions that are submitted to the Emir for ratification and issuance,

The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime of 2000 issued with the approval of accession to it under the Decree No. (10) of 2009,

The Resolution No. (9) of 1993 regulating the Work of Joint and Specialized Committees and the amending resolutions thereof, and

The proposal of the Minister of Administrative Development, Labor and Social Affairs,

Has decided the following:

Article (1)

A committee is established in the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labor and Social Affairs under the name of the "National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking".

Article (2)¹

The Committee is formed under the Chairmanship of a representative of the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labor and Social Affairs, and a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Vice-Chairman and the membership of each of the following:

- 1- Two representatives of the Ministry of Interior.
- 2- A representative of the Ministry of Justice.
- 3- A representative of the Ministry of Public Health.
- 4- A representative of the Public Prosecution Office.
- 5- A representative of the Government Communications Office.
- 6- A representative of the National Human Rights Committee.
- 7- A representative of the Qatar Foundation for Social Work (the Center for Protection and Social Rehabilitation – AMAN).

Each authority chooses its representative in the Committee's membership, and a decision is issued by the Minister of Administrative Development, Labor and Social Affairs naming the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Committee.

The Vice-Chairman shall replace the Chairman in his absence or the vacancy of his position.

¹ Amended by Council of Ministers' Resolution 4/2021

The secretariat of the Committee shall be assumed by one or more employees of the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labor and Social Affairs and the Minister issues a resolution for their assignment, determination of their competences and remunerations.

Article (3)

The term of membership of the Committee shall be three years, renewable for another similar period/s.

Article (4)

The Committee aims to play the role of the national coordinator for monitoring, preventing and combating human trafficking through coordination with the concerned authorities in this regard, and to this end, it may do the following:

- 1- Developing the national plan to combat human trafficking and prepare programs and mechanisms for its implementation in coordination with the concerned authorities in the State.
- 2- Preparing a database that includes international legislation related to human trafficking, methods of trafficking and studies related thereto.
- 3- Reviewing the relevant national legislation and ensure its consistency with international conventions and charters that have been ratified by the State.

- 4- Preparing and publishing an annual report on the state's efforts to prevent, monitor and combat human trafficking.
- 5- Studying international and regional reports related to preventing, monitoring and combating human trafficking and taking the necessary measures in this regard.
- 6- Coordinating with the competent authorities and the concerned parties to secure protection and support for victims of human trafficking, including a protection and rehabilitation program to help victims integrate into society.
- 7- Spreading awareness of the means related to human trafficking through holding conferences and seminars, preparing pamphlets, training programs and others in order to achieve the objectives of the Committee.
- 8- Exchanging information and experiences with Arab, regional and international organizations and national Committees concerned with combating human trafficking and strengthening ties with them.
- 9- Participating with the concerned authorities in the State in international conferences and forums related to combating human trafficking.
- 10- Carrying out any work assigned to the Committee in the field of combating human trafficking.

Article (5)

The Committee shall meet at the invitation of its Chairman, once a month, and whenever the need arises, and its meetings are held outside official working hours, and may be held when necessary during official working hours.

The Committee's meetings are not valid unless attended by the majority of its members, provided that the Chairman or his deputy is among them. Its resolutions and recommendations are issued by the majority of the votes of the attending members present. In the event of a tie, the side of the Chairman shall prevail.

Article (6)

The Committee may form sub-committees from among its members or from other technicians in the field of its competences or assign one of its members to study any of the subjects within its competences, and it may seek the assistance of whoever it deems appropriate from the employees of ministries and other government bodies or third parties with competence and experience to provide what it requests of advice, statements or clarifications without having the right to vote.

Article (7)

The Committee shall submit an annual report on the results of its works, and whenever it is requested to do so, to the Council of Ministers, accompanied with its recommendations and suggestions.

Article (8)

All competent authorities, each within its competence, shall implement this Resolution. It shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Abdullah Bin Nasser Bin Khalifa Al Thani

Prime Minister

We ratify this decision, and it shall be issued.

Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani

Emir of the State of Qatar

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