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**Emiri Decree No. (26) of the year 2000 concerning the
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Emiri Decree No. (26) of the year 2000 concerning The formation of the Arab Science & Technology Foundation

We, Sultan Bin Muhammed Al Qasemi, the Ruler of Sharjah,

In cognizance of the Federal Law No. (4) of the year 1992 regarding the formation and the organization of the Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research;

and Law No. (2) of the year 1999 regarding the formation of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Sharjah and its relative internal Executive List;

and Law No. (3) of the year 1999 regarding the formation of the Consultative Council of the Emirate of Sharjah and its relative internal Executive List;

and Law No. (2) of the year 1998 regarding the formation and organization of the University of Sharjah;

and in cognizance of the Statue of the Arab Science & Technology Foundation dated October 30, 2000, which has been authenticated by the Notary Public of Sharjah and annexed hereto;

and our belief in the importance of the objectives behind the formation of the foundation towards the advancement of sciences and technologies in the Arab region;

and towards benefiting from the specialized Arab capabilities in the fields of sciences and technologies and for achieving such objectives;

Promulgate the following Decree:

Article (1)

In applying the provisions of this Decree, the following words and terms shall have the meanings attributed to them, unless the context denotes otherwise:

The State	: The State of the United Arab Emirates.
The Ruler	: His Highness, the Ruler of Sharjah.
The Foundation	: The Arab Science & Technology Foundation.
The Document	: The Statue of the Arab Science & Technology Foundation.
The Committee	: The Trustees' Committee.
The Board	: The Management Board.
The President	: The Foundation's President.

Article (2)

Pursuant to the present Decree and in accordance with the Statue dated October 30, 2000 annexed thereto, a special foundation is formed under the name:

"The Arab Science & Technology Foundation"

which shall be a non-governmental and non-profitable foundation enjoying an autonomous juristic personality and having full capacities to act within the limitations of the provisions of the Statue and the present Decree.

Article (3)

The foundation's offices and headquarters shall be situated in Sharjah, the United Arab Emirates, and it shall be entitled to establish other branches in any other country in accordance with the provisions of the document.

Article (4)

The foundation shall aim at supplementing the efforts exerted by the existing scientific institutions in the Arab countries without any repetition or competition therewith in order to accomplish the ongoing sustainable development in the Arab World, and for that sake, the foundation shall abide by the objectives stipulated in the document.

Article (5)

The foundation shall be constituted and shall function in accordance with the provisions of the present Decree, the document and the alterations made thereon, and the provisions of the document shall apply where no stipulation is made to specific issues in the Decree.

Article (6)

The foundation shall deal with the concerned parties with full autonomy by virtue of the provisions of the document and shall not be affected by the political streams and trends in its communications with the individuals or their respective countries.

Article (7)

The provisions of the document shall regulate the executive lists, the resolutions, the formalities relative to conducting meetings and the manner by which the resolutions are passed within the body of the foundation.

Article (8)

The organizational framework of the foundation shall comprise the following main bodies:

- A. The Trustees' Committee.
- B. The Management Board.
- C. The Executive Office.
- D. The permanent and temporary committees.

Article (9)

The foundation shall be entitled to receive donations through endowments, grants, gifts and legacies.

Article (10)

- A. The committee shall be the supervising body over the general policy of the foundation and, in accordance with the document, shall be headed by the honorary President of the foundation who shall, in the committee's first assembly, endorse the appointment of the members from the list of candidates submitted by the board.
- B. The committee shall afterwards appoint its members for the latter terms as well as the suitable substitutes to supersede the excluded members subject to the recommendation thereto by one third of the present members; the appointment resolutions shall be passed upon the approval of a majority of the present members.

Article (11)

The committee shall consist of a maximum number of fifteen members selected from eminent personages, businessmen, researchers, intellectuals and scholars all devoted to the scientific and technological advancement in the Arab World. The committee shall assume the objectives stipulated in the document.

Article (12)

Membership of the committee shall be valid for four renewable years.

Article (13)

The committee shall hold a minimum of one assembly every two years for the purposes of examining and drawing up guidelines for the financial report that involves the budget of the new financial term, the foundation's achievements, the accomplished plans and programs and any possible hindrances together with the recommended remedies thereto through the comprehensive report brought by the board to the effect and the legal auditor's relevant report.

Article (14)

The extraordinary assemblies shall be held upon the convocation of the committee's head or the President or upon the request of a minimum of one half of the members of the committee, and where necessary, the member shall be entitled to delegate any person interested in the foundations' activities to attend any specific session on his behalf.

Article (15)

The board shall be the responsible body for running the foundation in terms of managing its affairs, organizing its general works and prosecuting the implementation of its resolutions and the various scheduled activities.

Article (16)

The board shall consist of distinguished scholars and researchers and elevated personages having active roles in the general affairs and fields pertaining to sciences and technologies and shall comprise a minimum number of seven members and a maximum number of thirteen members inclusive of the president, and it shall be taken into consideration that a proper balance be achieved in forming the board in terms of local and abroad scholars, the various scientific majors, the Arab World geographical locations and periodicity of membership. The board shall assume the objectives stipulated in the document.

Article (17)

- A. The president shall be responsible for implementing the general policy of the foundation to accomplish its objectives as well as its management in terms of the scientific, administrative and financial aspects and shall act on the foundation's behalf before the other local, regional and international institutions.
- B. Deputies selected by the board and approved of by the committee shall assist the president, and the president shall be entitled to delegate any of his authorities or works to one of the deputies during his absence.

Article (18)

The foundation shall, at the beginning of each fiscal year, provide the Economic Development Department and the other competent authorities with a listing of the members of the board, a copy of its annual report and its final statement of account duly certified by a legal auditor.

Article (19)

The board shall pass the lists and administrative resolutions necessary to regulate the activities of the foundation towards accomplishing its objectives. The board shall also pass the lists intended to regulate the financial and administrative affairs including the annual balance sheet, the final statement of account and the other financial and administrative issues required by the foundation's activities.

Article (20)

The foundation shall be exempt from all governmental, municipal or customs taxes, fees and duties.

Article (21)

The foundation shall proceed to be proclaimed in the Register of the Economic Development Department and shall be entitled to be registered with any other competent authority.

Article (22)

The foundation shall not be dissolved or liquidated due to any of the customary causes thereof unless endorsed by a decree.

Article (23)

The resolutions passed by the foundation prior to this decree coming into force shall be deemed valid and issued in accordance therewith.

Article (24)

The foundation's revenues shall comprise the following:

1. Donations through endowments, grants and gifts accepted by the board.
2. Monetary aids from governmental and private Arab and international institutions.
3. Profits made by investing the foundation's funds.
4. Sums raised by the works and services duly performed by the foundation.
5. Any other revenues accepted by the board.

Article (25)

The foundation's fiscal year shall commence on January 1st and end on December 30th of the same year except for the first fiscal year, which shall start on April 26, 2000.

Article (26)

The foundation's funds shall not be spent for any cause except for the objectives stipulated in the document, lists and resolutions passed in accordance therewith.

Article (27)

The official languages of the foundation shall be Arabic and English, and other languages maybe authorized subject to the approval of the board.

Article (28)

The Decree shall be in force as from the issuance date thereof and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

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Corresponding to December 19th, 2000

Sultan Bin Muhammed Al Qasemi
The Ruler of Sharjah