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The establishment of the Arab Science & Technology Foundation**

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

After perusal of Federal Law No. (4) of the year 1992 concerning the establishment and the organization of the Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research;

and Law No. (2) of the year 1999 regarding the establishment of the Executive Council for the Emirate of Sharjah and its internal regulations;

and Law No. (3) of the year 1999 regarding the establishment of the Consultative Council for the Emirate of Sharjah and its relative internal regulations;

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

and after perusal of the Statute of the Arab Science & Technology Foundation dated October 30, 2000, and notarized by the Notary Public of Sharjah and annexed hereto;

and in belief of the importance of the objectives, for which the foundation has been established in order to foster sciences and technology in the Arab region;

and to benefit from the specialized qualifications of the Arabs in the fields of sciences and technology; and for the achievement of all these objectives;

We hereby Decree as follows:-

Article (1)

In this Decree, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned to them, as follows:

The State	: United Arab Emirates.
The Ruler	: His Highness, the Ruler of Sharjah.
The Foundation	: The Arab Science & Technology Foundation.
The Document	: The Statute of the Arab Science & Technology Foundation.
The Board of Trustees	: The Board of Trustees of the foundation.
The Board	: The Board of Directors of the foundation.
The President	: The President of the foundation.

Article (2)

Pursuant to this Decree and in accordance with the Statute dated October 30, 2000 annexed thereto, there shall be established a special foundation to be called:-

"The Arab Science & Technology Foundation"

The foundation shall be a non-governmental and a non for profit foundation, having independent corporate personality, and full capacities to operate within the limits of its Statute and this Decree.

Article (3)

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

Article (4)

The foundation aims to complement the efforts exerted by the existing scientific institutions in the Arab countries without duplicating or competing with them in order to accomplish the ongoing sustainable development in the Arab World, and for this sake, the foundation shall under tack the objectives stipulated in the document.

Article (5)

The foundation shall be constituted and managed in accordance with the provisions of this Decree, the document and any amendments there. The provisions of the document shall apply to all other matters not specifically addressed in this Decree.

Article (6)

The foundation shall have full autonomy to deal with third parties in accordance with the provisions of the document and shall not be affected by political streams or trends in its dealings with individuals or their respective countries.

Article (7)

The provisions of the document shall govern the regulations, resolutions, procedures for conducting meetings and the method of taking decisions within the departments and units of the foundation.

Article (8)

The organizational structure of the foundation shall consist of the following main bodies:

- A. The Board of Trustees.
- B. The Board of Directors.
- C. The Executive Office.
- D. The permanent and ad hoc committees.

Article (9)

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

Article (10)

- A. The Board of trustees shall be the supervising body over the general policy of the foundation. According to the document, the foundation shall be headed by the honorary President of the foundation who shall, in the first meeting of the Board, endorse the appointment of the other members of the Board from the list of candidates submitted by the Board.
- B. The Board shall afterwards appoint its members for the latter terms as well as the suitable substitutes to replace any member who loses membership provided that the new member to be appointed must be nominated in writing by $\frac{2}{3}$ of the present members. The appointment resolutions must be approved by the majority of the members attending the meeting.

Article (11)

The Board of trustees shall consist of a maximum of fifteen members to be selected from eminent personages, businessmen, researchers, intellectuals and scholars dedicated to scientific and technological advancement in the Arab World.

The Board shall assume the functions stipulated in the document.

Article (12)

Membership of the Board of trustees shall be valid for a period of four renewable years.

Article (13)

The Board of trustees shall meet at least once every two years to review and issue directives with respect of the financial report which must include the budget of the new financial term, the achievements, of foundation, the accomplished plans and programs and any possible hindrances and discuss ways and means to overcome them as per the suggestions embodied in the comprehensive report of the Board and the report of financial auditors.

Article (14)

Extraordinary meetings shall be held upon the request of the chairman of the Board of trustees, the President or upon the request of a minimum of one half of the members of the Board of trustees. Any member of the Board of trustees may in cases of necessary, delegate any person interested in the foundations' activities, to attend any specific session on his behalf.

Article (15)

The Board of directors shall be the body responsible for running the foundation's affairs, organizing its general works and follow up the implementation of its resolutions and the various aspects of its activities as laid down in the foundation's plans.

Article (16)

The Board shall consist of scientists, distinguished scholars and researchers and elevated personages having active roles in the general affairs and fields related to sciences and technology. The Board shall consist of a minimum of seven members and a maximum of thirteen members including the president. Proper balance shall be maintained between scholars from inside and outside the Arab world in selecting members for the Board as well as between the various scientific specialties and different geographical locations. Periodicity of membership must be observed. The Board shall assume the powers assigned to it as stipulated in the document.

Article (17)

- A. The president shall be responsible for implementing the general policy that would achieve the objectives of the foundation, as well as its management in terms of scientific, administrative and financial aspects. The president shall represent the foundation before other local, regional and international organizations.
- B. The president shall be assisted by deputies to be selected by the Board who must also be approved by the Board of trustees. The president may deligate some of his powers to any of his assistants or authorize him to act on his behalf during his absence.

Article (18)

The foundation shall, at the beginning of each fiscal year, provide the Economic Development Department and other concerned authorities with a list 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 issue the regulations and administrative resolutions necessary to regulate the activities of the foundation in compliance with its objectives. The Board shall also issue bye-laws to regulate the financial and administrative affairs including the annul balance sheet, the final statement of account and other financial and administrative matters required to conduct the business of the foundation provided that such bye-laws and resolutions must not contradict the provisions of the document.

Article (20)

The foundation shall be exempt from all government or municipal taxes, fees or custom 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 cause customarily invoked for dissolution or liquidation by a Decree.

Article (23)

Resolutions passed by the foundation prior to the coming into force of this Decree shall be deemed valid as though issued in accordance therewith.

Article (24)

Revenues of the foundation shall comprise of 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 generated from 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 broad.

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 except for the objectives specified in the document, regulations and resolutions passed in accordance therewith.

Article (27)

The official languages of the foundation shall be the Arabic and English languages. Other languages maybe authorized subject to the approval of the Board.

Article (28)

This Decree shall come into force as from the issuance date hereof 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