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Chapter One

Introduction to the Arab Science & Technology Foundation and Its Mission

Article (1)

The present document shall be referred to herein as (Statue of the Arab Science & Technology Foundation) and shall be effective from the date of issuance thereof.

Article (2)

The Arab Science & Technology Foundation is an autonomous non-governmental and non-profitable global scientific Arab institution enjoying general juristic personality and is the first scientific organization that groups scholars from the Arab region and the world for the purpose of utilizing the local and immigrant scholars' scientific and technological capabilities in order to serve the Arab World in particular and humanity in general towards the advancement of the scientific and technological researches in the Arab countries.

Article (3)

The headquarters of the Arab Science & Technology Foundation shall be situated in Sharjah, the United Arab Emirates, and it shall be entitled to establish other centers, branches, and communication points in the Arab and international capitals where scientific organizations and groups willing to participate in their activities.

Article (4)

The foundation shall undertake to cooperate and liaise with the universities, scientific research centers, scientific unions and technological scholars in the Arab region and the world through its activities and shall also contribute to develop new trends of works and scholars' communities through networks, contributions, alliances, and multilateral projects on local, regional and international levels.

The foundation shall also take into consideration terms of the customary scientific neighbors adopted in the developed countries in all its activities and shall observe the sciences' humanitarian principles stipulated in the papers of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Scientific Unions of World Council.

Chapter Two **The Foundation's Missions and Objectives**

Article (5)

The foundation's mission shall be the encouragement and support of distinction and creativeness that show in the scientific and technological researches in the Arab World and the development of the channels of liaison and cooperation between individual scholars and scientific organizations in applying knowledge to serve the ongoing development in the Arab countries.

Article (6)

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 development in the Arab World, and for that sake, the foundation shall assume the following objectives:

1. Advancement and mobilization of human and tangible resources towards supporting the scientific and technological proposed researches by virtue of their worthiness and compliance with the priorities set for development.
2. Supporting modes of liaison in selected areas of scientific and technological researches and building up mutual programs between the individuals and scientific foundations in such areas by virtue of their relevance to development.
3. Carrying out studies and arranging expert meetings, workshops and seminars to exchange views on scientific and technological issues of relevance to the priorities set for development.
4. Developing cooperation endeavors and forming specialized networks and programs for information exchange together with the building up of expertise among the foundations concerned in enhancing the scientific and technological capabilities in the Arab countries in line with their counterparts in the developed and developing countries.
5. Acting as a mediator between the researches' producing, developing and financing parties on the one side and the beneficiaries thereof on the other side.

The foundation shall perform any activities to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

Chapter Three **The Foundation's Organizational Framework**

Article (7)

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

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

The Trustees' Committee

Article (8)

The Trustees' Committee shall be the supervising body over the general policy of the foundation and shall be headed by the honorary president of the foundation who shall, in the Trustees' Committees' first assembly, endorse the appointment of the members from the list of candidates submitted by the Management Board. The committee shall afterwards select its new members, and under all circumstances, shall include the foundation's president as a member thereof.

Article (9)

The Trustees' 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.

Article (10)

The Trustees' Committee shall take over the mission of supervising over the general policy of the foundation ensuring the fulfillment of its mission and objectives, and in particular shall assume the following:

1. Supporting the foundation's mission and dissemination of its objectives and activities on the Arab, regional and international levels.
2. Supervising the attainment of financial resources for the foundation and consolidating its Arab, regional and international ties.
3. Approving the periodical reports submitted by the Management Board on the prosecution of the foundation's activities, its accomplishments and the financial status and drawing up relevant guidelines thereto, where necessary.
4. Approving the appointment of the foundation's president and his deputies as nominated by the Management Board.
5. Discharging any member(s) of the Management Board should an act offending the foundation emanates occur.



6. Appointing an autonomous external entity, upon the recommendation of the Management Board, to evaluate the foundation's activities and performance and review its balance sheet, statements of account and all relevant documents required to run its works and presenting periodical reports thereon to the committee in accordance with the accredited practices and lists and in light of the foundation's plans and agendas.

Article (11)

Membership of the Trustees' Committee shall be valid for four renewable years.

Article (12)

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 through the comprehensive report brought by the foundation's Management Board to the effect and the legal auditor's relevant report.

Article (13)

The extraordinary assemblies shall be held upon the convocation of the Trustees' Committees' Head or the Management Board's president or upon the request of a minimum of one half of the members of the Trustees' 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.

The Management Board

Article (14)

The Management 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, programs and the various scheduled activities.

Article (15)

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 the home and abroad scholars, the various scientific majors, the Arab World geographical locations and periodicity of membership.

Article (16)

The Management Board shall assume the following:

1. Setting up plans, programs and projects that would serve the foundation's objectives and ensure attainment of the necessary financial resources thereof.
2. Setting up the foundation's budget
3. Producing the foundation's administrative and financial lists and organizational framework together with any amendments thereon.
4. Receiving grants, endowments and any other donations given by the Arab governments; the national, regional and international entities and individuals without detriment to the non-profitable objectives and principles of the foundation.
5. Appointing the body (ies), which shall take over the investment of the foundation's funds and setting up guidelines therefore.
6. Examining the submissions of the Trustees' Committee and the foundation's president on any relevant issues and forming specialized committees for such purpose should the need arises.
7. Endorsing the grants, rewards and subsidies allotted to carry out scientific researches.
8. Recommending an autonomous external entity to evaluate the foundation's activities and performance and review its balance sheet, statements of account and all relevant documents required to run its works in accordance with the accredited practices and lists and in light of the foundation's plans and agendas, and the matter shall be afterwards brought before the Trustees' Committee for approval pursuant to Article (10), Paragraph (6).
9. Selecting the new Management Board members together with the president and deputies thereof prior to the approval of the Trustees' Committee.

Article (17)

Three new members shall be admitted to the Management Board one year after the endorsement of the present lists, and as of the latter year, one fourth of the members shall be annually replaced (excluding the president) by their own decision or by votes cast. The board shall select substitutes for the vacancies for a term of four years and shall afterwards be entitled to renew membership for one further term.

Article (18)

The board shall hold a minimum of one assembly every year achieving quorum with the presence of a minimum of one half of the members. The assembly's date and location shall be fixed three months prior to convening unless the need requires a shorter term along with the approval of two thirds of the members. Any member failing to attend one meeting without an acceptable excuse or two consecutive meetings shall be declared excluded. Should the need arises, the board shall be entitled to form a committee of three of the members including the president authorized to practice the powers of the

Management Board during his absence and shall convene for two terms each year.

Article (19)

It shall be observed that the members of the Management Board shall be selected from the renowned personages in their fields of practice who are known of their uprightness in the performance of their works, and the candidates should show full inclination to serve the foundation and adopt its mission. The considerations stipulated in Article (15) shall be also observed upon the selection of the members.

Article (20)

The Management Board members shall assume their works without compensation and the foundation shall disburse the expenses for their attending the board sessions. The members shall also give notice beforehand in the event that a personal interest exist in any of the issues raised before the board and shall, in like cases, refrain from participating in the discussion and voting thereon.

The Foundation's President

Article (21)

The Management Board shall select the foundation's president locally from its members, for six renewable years, and the matter shall be brought before the Trustees' Committee for approval.

Article (22)

The foundation's 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. In addition, the implementation of the systems, lists and resolutions of relevance. The president shall also act on the foundation's behalf before other local, regional and international institutions.

Article (23)

Deputies selected by the Management Board and approved of by the Trustees' Committee shall assist the foundation's president. The foundation's president shall be entitled to delegate any of his authorities or works to one of the members during his absence.

Article (24)

The foundation's president shall bring the Management Board's report on the foundation's researching endeavors together with the relevant plans and programs before the Trustees' Committee every two years. The report shall include the foundation's activities aimed at achieving its objectives in the Arab, regional, & international levels

along with any recommendations for the committee's proper action.

The Executive Office

Article (25)

The resolution to form the foundation's Executive Office shall be passed by the Management Board upon the recommendation of the foundation's president, and the office shall comprise the following:

1. The foundation's president, who shall preside over the office.
2. The foundation's department directors (unit heads) shall be hired progressively as needs arises.

The president shall also be entitled to call upon other members of the Management Board, committees' heads or others to attend the meetings of the Executive Office by virtue of their relation to the issues set up in the agenda.

Article (26)

The Executive Office shall assume managing and implementing the foundation's programs and running the daily matters and any other subjects that would take place in accordance with the work rules and principles set up by the accredited practices and lists and shall specifically assume the following:

1. Implementing the policies and resolutions passed by the Trustees' Committee and Management Board.
2. Following up the flow of work at the various units of the foundation and taking whatever necessary action thereon.
3. Setting up the foundation's internal draft practices and lists together with any modifications thereon in preparation of their presentation before the Management Board for approval.
4. Preparing the annual report on the office's activities for presentation before the Management Board.
5. Presenting views on the draft budget and the body that shall take over the investment of the foundation's funds with setting up of any necessary plans and programs in that regards, in preparation for presentation before the Management Board for approval.
6. Setting up draft agendas for the Trustees' Committee and the Management Board's assemblies and preparing any necessary documents.
7. Arranging for the needs of the Trustees' Committee, the Management Board and the other committees of the foundation.



Chapter Five **The Foundation's Budget**

Article (27)

First: The foundation's revenues shall comprise from the following:

1. Governmental contributions from the Arab countries.
2. Contributions supporting scientific research from Arab institutions, banks and treasuries.
3. Donations, gifts, legacies, endowments, grants and presents offered by individuals, charitable institutions and relevant companies.
4. Contributions of the Arab, regional and international organizations associated with the United Nations and other institutions concerned in supporting scientific research.
5. Contributions from the relevant Arab scientific centers and institutions.
6. Companies making profit as a result of the researches adopted by the foundation.
7. Returns gained from investing the foundation's funds.
8. Income gained as a result of marketing printed matters and the other scientific material produced by the foundation.
9. Any other resources approved by the Management Board and the Trustees' Committee.

Second: The Foundation shall aim at creating its own endowment that would ensure autonomy and continuation of its mission, and such endowment shall be allotted for investment purposes provided that the returns be used to support the endowment itself and finance the foundation's programs and affairs.

Third: The purposes behind all the contributions from the various bodies and individuals, whether financial or tangible, shall be in conformity with the foundation's objectives and shall not affect its autonomy.

General Provisions

Article (28)

The assemblies referred to herein shall not be deemed eligible unless with the presence of a minimum of one half of the members, and the resolutions shall be issued upon the approval of a majority of the present voters except in certain cases where a special stipulation is made. The abstaining votes shall not be taken into consideration regardless of the causes of abstention, and in the event of an equality of votes, the president shall have a casting vote.

Article (29)

The authorization referred to under Article (23) herein shall not be deemed eligible unless the delegated capacities and powers are exclusively stated, the authorization term is fixed



and the authorized person's name and title are specifically identified. The authorization term shall not exceed one year and it shall be feasible for the authorizing party to terminate the authorization at any time.

Article (30)

The foundation's president shall endorse the formation of the supporting units and bodies necessary for the flow of work towards accomplishing the foundation's objectives and activities in accordance with the limitations of the budget approved by the Management Board.

Article (31)

The foundation's activities shall be financed through the grants; gifts and endowments presented by individuals and the monetary aids from the Arab and international governments, and private institutions. The foundation shall proceed to invest its revenues and to utilize the returns gained from the activities, works, associations and research projects, in accordance with the regulations and rules, maintaining the non-profitable nature thereof as accredited by the Management Board. The foundation shall be committed to annually disclose the sources of its financing and channels of expenditure.

Article (32)

The foundation's framework and its open wide scope of activities together with the multiple objectives thereof available for individuals, unions, organizations and works in the Arab countries and the world, shall provide innovative forms of subscription, participation and alliance. All researchers, individuals and organizations that participated in the "Scientific Research in The Arab World and New Horizons of the Third Millennium" seminar that was held in Sharjah from April 24 – 26, 2000, which recommended the formation of the foundation, shall be entitled to attend the foundation's general congresses as observers.

Article (33)

The Management Board shall be entitled to nominate prominent Arab and international personages to the foundation's honor list.

Article (34)

The present Statute and the provisions stipulated therein shall not be subject to amendment unless upon the recommendation of the Management Board upheld by a majority of two thirds of the members thereof and the ultimate approval of the Trustees' Committee.

Article (35)

The Statute shall be in force from the Management Board's approval date thereon until



the Trustees' Committee passes it for approval in its first assembly.

May Allah bless.

The present document has been unanimously approved of on October 30, 2000 in the Arab Science & Technology Foundation's first assembly held in the Emirate of Sharjah from October 28th – 30th, 2000 with the consensus of Messrs of the Management Board members and Messrs of the participants in the assembly.

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