

Decree No. (4) for the year 2007

Regarding the Establishment of the National Statistics Committee

Crown Prince, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defense Force,  
Chairman of the Economic Development Board

Having examined Decree No. (9) of the year 2000 for the establishment and organization of the Economic Development Board and its amendments,

And Law by Decree No. (7) of the year 1977 for Statistics and the Census,

And Law by Decree No. (9) of the year 1984 for the Central Population Registry,

And Decree No. (38) of the year 2002 for the renaming and reorganizing the Central Statistics Organization,

And after coordinating with the Prime Minister,

Decided the following,

Article (1)

Regarding the Establishment of the Economic Development Board

A committee called the “National Statistics Committee” is to be established under the chairmanship of Shaikh Ahmed bin Ateyatalla Al-Khalifa, Minister of Cabinet Affairs and consisting of the following members:

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| 1- Mr. Mohammad Ahmed Al-Amer  | President of the CIO                                           | CIO  |
| 2- Dr. Zakaria Ahmed Hijris    | Vice-President of the CIO                                      | CIO  |
| 3- Mr. Kamal Ahmed Mohammad    | Executive Chairman of Operation<br>EBD                         |      |
| 4- Dr. Nabeel Mohammad Shams   | Director of Statistics                                         | CIO  |
| 5- Dr. Abdullah Ahmed Mansoor  | Under-Secretary of MIC                                         | MIC  |
| 6- Mr. Ali Ahmed Riza          | Acting Chief Executive                                         | LMRA |
| 7- Ms. Faigha Saeed Al-Salih   | Assistant Under-Secretary for<br>Information and Planning      | MOE  |
| 8- Ms. Maha Hussein Mandeel    | Assistant Under-Secretary for Human<br>and Financial Resources | MSD  |
| 9- Dr. Faozi Abdullah Ameen    | Assistant Under-Secretary for<br>Training and Planning         | MOH  |
| 10- Dr. Abdul Rahman Ali Saif  | Executive Director for Financial<br>Operations                 | CBB  |
| 11- Mr. Yusuf Abdullah Mahmood | Assistant Under-Secretary for<br>Economic Affairs              | MOF  |

## Article (2)

The Committee ensures the availability of comprehensive and accurate statistics to meet the needs and requirements of all economic activities and those responsible for economic planning and studies in the country; and among the responsibilities of the Committee are the following:

1- Developing comprehensive strategies, plans and programs in the for the Kingdom in order to implement the recommendations of the International Monetary Fund regarding the application of the General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) in order to achieve the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS).

2- Certifying general guidelines for statistical activities and identifying priorities for the development of an integrated system for collecting, processing and disseminating statistics and national indicators of high quality.

3- Ensuring the application of the principles of statistical work in terms of transparency, confidentiality, honesty and adopting internationally accepted statistical standards.

4- Certify an exclusive set of national statistics and their periodically published tables.

5- Develop financial estimates for statistical surveys and projects and forwarding the appropriate recommendations to the specialized authorities to decide the financial allocations necessary for implementation.

6- Propose laws, rules and regulations and measures to develop statistical work and support its agencies and forward the appropriate recommendations to the specialized authority.

7- Coordinate between all government ministries, agencies and authorities as well as private sector institutions in the field of statistics to develop the appropriate mechanisms to strengthen integration and cooperation and facilitate the exchange of information among them.

8- Support and assist the Central Informatics Organization in conducting its role in organizing statistical work according to the laws, decrees, and resolutions that govern its work.

9- Collect the statistics available to the governmental ministries, agencies and institutions, and private sector institutions in databases whose organizations and availability is supervised by the Central Informatics Organization.

### Article (3)

The Central Informatics Organization fulfills the role of secretariat of the Committee and prepares its agendas and meetings and records their minutes, and preserves all the Committee's papers and documents and follows up on the implementation of its resolutions.

### Article (4)

All ministries and public bodies must inform the Committee of its requests for statistics, data and information.

#### Article (5)

The Committee meets, at the behest of its Chairman, at least once every month. Its meetings are considered correct if a majority of its members, including the Chairman, are present. Its resolutions are issued by a majority vote and in the case of a tie; the chairman's side is the winner.

#### Article (6)

The Committee presents a detailed report every three months to the Chairman of the EDB, about its work in implementing its duties and agendas for the next period and identifies the obstacles if there are any and the appropriate solutions that have been decided upon to overcome those obstacles.

#### Article (7)

The Committee may seek the assistance of whomever it sees appropriate, with experience or specialty, to ask their opinion.

The Committee may form action teams consisting of its members, and non members, to follow up on any task that is part of its specialty.

#### Article (8)

This resolution goes into effect on the day of its issuance.

Crown Prince, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF  
Chairman of the Economic Development Board  
Salman bin Hamad Al-Khaifa

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