

ANNEX 14

Republican Decree of Law No. (127) of 1997, on the Forming of the Supreme Council for Exports Development and its Technical Office

The President of the Republic,

Having reviewed the Constitution of the Republic of Yemen, the Republican Decree of Law No. (20) of 1991 concerning the Act of the Cabinet, and the Republican Decree No. (1) of 1994 on Forming the Government; and Pursuant to the Cabinet's approval;

Resolves

First Chapter General Tasks and Duties

- Article (1) Pursuant to this decree, a council is formed under the name "the Supreme Council for Exports Development", chaired by the Prime Minister. A technical office shall be attached to this council, having its own recognizable identity and separate financial responsibility. This office shall be named the Technical Office of the Supreme Council for Exports Development, and shall be under the supervision of the Minister of Industry.
- Article (2) The Council aims at encouraging and developing the exportation activities of goods and different products, promoting industrial and productive activities pertaining to exportation, supporting exporting sectors in its different activities, and removing any barriers or difficulties standing before them, all in order to ensure improvement of the trade balance of payments and to search for markets in Arab and foreign countries for Yemeni exports.
- Article (3) The Council shall undertake the following tasks and duties in order to achieve its aims:
- 1- Sanctioning plans, policies, and programs that lead to the improvement and increase in quantity and value of Yemeni exports.
 - 2- Sanctioning incentives and facilities that can be granted to investors in the productive units whose products are for exportation, and issuing decrees and laws needed for this purpose.
 - 3- Reviewing bilateral trade agreements that our country sign with Arab and foreign countries in order to provide the exporters with

any available privileges in all the fields related to exportation and re-exportation in accordance with the Law of Investment.

- 4- Preparing general policies for the activities of the Technical Office and approving its programs and action plans.
- 5- Discussing the results of the studies and suggestions reported by the Technical Office, issuing relevant decrees and directing them to relevant authorities for implementation.
- 6- Approving forms of cooperation with international organizations and corporations in the field of exportation, and coordinating with specialists on our country's relations with Arab and foreign countries in the field of exportation.
- 7- Approving steps and procedures and defining forms of support needed for the producers and exporters of exportable goods to be able to meet standards and specifications of the external markets.
- 8- Directing the activity of the Technical Office to implement the tasks and duties required to achieve the Council's goals.
- 9- Issuing all regulations and decrees organizing activities of the Technical Office, pursuant to presentation from the Ministry of Industry.

Second Chapter

Formation of the Supreme Council for Exports Development

Article (4) The Supreme Council for Exports Development consists of:

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| 1- Prime Minister | Chairman |
| 2- Minister of Oil and Mineral Wealth | Member |
| 3- Minister of Finance | Member |
| 4- Minister Agriculture | Member |
| 5- Minister of Fisheries | Member |
| 6- Minister of Supply and Trade | Member |
| 7- Minister of Industry | Member |
| 8- Three exporter businessmen for whom a decree is issued by the Prime Minister upon selection and approval by the Supreme Council for Exports Development | Members |
| 9- Secretary-General of the Supreme Council's Technical Office | Reporter |

Article (5) A technical office is attached to the Supreme Council and directly supervised by the Minister of Industry.

Article (6) The Technical Office is chaired by a qualified and specialized secretary-general.

Article (7) The Secretary-General is responsible for managing the Technical Office affairs, undertaking all the activities required for implementing its tasks and aims, and implementing the general policy which is formulated by the Supreme Council for Exports Development.

Third Chapter **Tasks and Duties of the Technical Office**

Article (8) The Supreme Council for Exports Development's Technical Office is responsible for undertaking the following tasks and tasks:

- 1- Preparing for the meetings of the Council and its formed committees.
- 2- Notifying the Council's members with invitation and meeting agenda in due time.
- 3- Notifying relevant bodies with the decisions, recommendations, and instructions of the Council, following their implantations, and reporting all that to the Chairman of the Council.
- 4- Establishing a database for information about Yemeni exports, exportable products, and the external markets which can be exported to, and making these information available to the commercial sector in coordination with relevant authorities.
- 5- Collecting data and precise statistics about external markets' needs of goods which can grant Yemen with a relative privilege in its production, preparing and publishing studies and researches so that local and foreign producers, exporters, importers, and investors can obtain and make use of.
- 6- Preparing – and presenting to the Supreme Council for approval – plans, policies and programs which lead to improvement and increase in quantity and value of Yemeni exports, and making use of the experiences of the countries which work actively in exportation with similar economics.
- 7- Studying exportation opportunities and types of portions, allocations and relative privileges that some developed countries provide to promote exports from developing countries, searching for methods of making use of and expanding them, and publishing results of these studies to investing, commercial, and productive sectors in a way that ensures stimulation and expansion of the exportation activity.
- 8- Conducting researches and studies required for determining the forms of support and assistance and methods of funding needed for the provision of abilities and incentives which help improve and expand handicraft industries, productive families and small productive units whose products are aimed to be exported.

- 9- Suggesting steps and procedures and defining forms of support needed for the producers and exporters of exportable goods to be able to meet standard specifications of the external markets in coordination with relevant bodies.
- 10-Enhancing producers' and exporters' abilities and directing available capabilities of the country and the governmental funding corporations, and searching for assistance, grants and donations that can be directed to support the exportation activity, which all can be used to promote the different funding activities.
- 11-Running seminars, specialized meetings, workshops
- 12-Suggesting incentives, facilities, privileges and exemptions that shall be granted to investors in productive units whose products are exportable, and following up the issuance of required decrees and laws, and ensuring their implementation in coordination with the relevant bodies.
- 13-Participating in the preparation of bilateral trade agreements that our country sign with Arab and foreign countries in a way that provide exporters with potential privileges available in all the fields related to exportation and re-exportation.
- 14-Participating in the preparation for industrial, trade and agricultural exhibitions and other types of exhibitions for the purpose of promoting Yemeni products and their exportation.
- 15-Studying the problems that exporters face, proposing required technical consultancy, and contacting different governmental bodies in order to help exporters solve the problems which stand against their activities.
- 16-Continuously reviewing laws, decrees and economic, financial and monetary policies, and any other procedures which help identify obstacles of exportation, preparing and submitting relevant suggestions to revise and follow up their issuance.
- 17-Conducting studies and proposing suggestions related to qualifying and training staff that are required to work in exportation.
- 18-Studying whatever plans and programs related to exportation and reported by the Council or its Chairman, giving and presenting comments to the Council for consideration.
- 19-Compiling agreements, laws, regulations, contracts and all data and information related to the tasks and duties of the Council, sorting and classifying them for the purpose of making them easily accessible.
- 20-Preparing draft budgets and final accounts for the Council and the Technical Office.

Article (9) Financial resources of the Supreme Council are made of the following:

- 1- Funds which are allocated within the country's overall budget.
- 2- Donations, contributions, assistance and grants (in kind and in cash) that the Council receives from different local and foreign bodies.

Article (10) The Council shall have a budget which it prepares following the rules applied in preparation of budgets.

Article (11) The Council shall issue regulations required to organize its activity.

Article (12) Organizational regulations of the Office shall be issued by the decision of the Council's Chairman, based on the approval of the Civil Service Ministry.

Article (13) This Decree shall enter into force with effect of the date of its issuance and be published in the official Gazette.

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