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Federal Law Number (20) of the Year 1981
Amending some of the Provisions of Federal Law Number (6) Of the year 1974
Concerning Public Utility Associations

We Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates,

Pursuant to the provisions of the interim constitution,

And the federal law number (1) of the year 1972 concerning the function of ministries and the powers of the ministers and the laws issued in amendment thereof,

The federal law number (6) of the year 1974 concerning public utility associations,

And the submission of the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, and the approval of the cabinet, the national federal council, and the attestation of the supreme council of federation,

We have issued the following law:

Article (1)

The following two texts shall replace the text of article (17), and paragraph (3) of article (27) of the law number (6) of the year 1974 referred to:

Article (17)

The Ministry shall cooperate with other ministries and bodies according to what it deems necessary for the achievement of the aims of the association. The Ministry, in agreement with one of the other ministries or bodies or public institutions, or other local governmental departments related to the activity of the association, may transfer to them its instructive, technical supervisory powers and payment of founding periodic assistance.

Article (27)

(3) The assistance provided by the Ministry or ministries, public institutions, public bodies, or other local governmental departments according to the provisions of this law.

Article (2)

A new paragraph shall be added to article (2) of the law number (6) of the year 1974 referred to. It shall read as follows:

All founding and active members should be holder of the nationality of the United Arab Emirates.

Article (3)

Two new articles shall be added carrying the numbers (35) repeated or (40) repeated to law number (6) of the year 1974 referred to. It shall read as follows:

Article (35) repeated

Fundraising from citizens for a charitable or social purpose is not permissible except by associations declared according to the provisions of the law and by a justified license issued by the Ministry.

Article (40) repeated

No group or body may practice any of the activities of an association prior to the completion of the registration procedures. In case of violation, the Ministry may issue a decision to stop the activity and to close down the violating premises. Concerned authorities of the state shall compulsory implement this decision if necessary.

This will not repeal any civil or criminal responsibility.

Article (4)

The nationality condition stated in article number (2) of this law shall not be applicable on founding and active members of associations which were at the time when this law entered into force.

Article (5)

Ministers, according to their competencies, shall implement the provisions of this law. It shall enter into force as of the date of publishing it in the official gazette.

Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan
President of the United Arab Emirates

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