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Articles of the Regulation

Article (1)

The current Regulation shall be cited as (Economic & Social Council Regulation , 2007) to be effective as from the date on which it shall be published at the Official Gazette.

Article (2)

The following terms and expressions, and wherever mentioned herein, shall have the meanings assigned to them hereunder unless otherwise denoted by the context:

The Council: shall mean the Economic & Social Council.

The President: shall mean the President of the Council.

The Executive Office: shall mean the Council Executive Office.

The Secretary General: shall mean the Secretary General of the Council.

Article (3)

A council shall be formed in the Kingdom to be called (the Economic & Social Council) which headquarters shall be situated in the City of Amman.

Article (4)

The Council shall aim at rendering consultations to the Executive Authority in economic and social fields.

Article (5)

A- A part time president shall be appointed for the Council by a resolution of the Council of Ministers pursuant to a recommendation of the Prime Minister provided that the resolution shall be approved by a High Royal Decree.

B- The President shall report to the Prime Minister.

C- The term of the Council's Presidency shall be four years renewable for one time.

D- The President shall represent the Council before the others.

Article (6)

A- The Council shall be constituted by a resolution of the Council of Ministers pursuant to a recommendation of the Prime Minister based upon a recommendation of the Minister of Labor of four groups each of which shall include twelve members as follows:

1- The first group: shall be constituted of eight specialists who shall be representing the Ministries, official institutions and commissions concerned with the duties of the Council to be nominated in coordination with the concerned Ministers in addition to three persons who shall be experienced and professional in economic and social fields.

2- The second group: shall be constituted of representatives for the employers who shall be selected in coordination with the Chambers of Commerce & Industry and Unions of Employers.

3- The third group: shall be constituted of representatives for the labors to be selected in coordination with the Labors Union General Association.

4- The fourth group: shall be constituted of representatives for the civil community institutions concerned with the duties of the Council to be selected in coordination with the concerned parties.

B- The representative of women shall be observed to include at least two women in each group.

Article (7)

A- The Council's member shall be a Jordanian citizen whose age shall not be less than thirty years in addition to being an experienced, professional and credible person.

B- A member of the Council as well as a member of the Parliament or the Council of Ministers may not work as a judge or an administrative governor.

Article (8)

A- The term of membership at the Council shall be four years renewable for one time for not more than half of its members in a way that shall assure representing all the groups.

B- The resolution set for forming the Council as well as appointing the President and the Secretary General shall be published at the Official Gazette.

Article (9)

The Council shall assume the missions and powers as follows:

A- Drawing the general policies for the work of the Council as well as laying down plans and programs for implementing them.

B- Providing consultations according to the provisions of this Regulation and the instructions issued by virtue of it.

C- Assessing the situations in the fields shown hereunder and providing consultations related to them upon the request of the Council of Ministers or by a resolution of the Council:

1- The type of the existing labor relationship and the developments related to them as well as the group negotiations, individual and group labor disputes.

2- The general economic and social policies.

D- Discussing the draft annual budget, final financial statements and the semi-yearly report of the Council to be referred to the Prime Minister or the Council of Ministers as the case shall be.

E- Laying down the organizational structure of the Council.

F- Appointing a certified accountant for auditing the Council's accounts.

Article (10)

A- Each group shall elect its president and vice president by the majority of the votes of its members.

B- The Executive Office shall be constituted by the presidency of the President and the membership of the president of each group as well as the Secretary General.

C- The president of each of the second and third groups shall act as the vice presidents.

D- The Secretary General shall act as the secretary of the Executive Office.

Article (11)

The Council shall meet at least once every two months and upon necessity to be convened by its President or any of his deputies or otherwise upon the request of not less than half of its members. Further, the legal quorum shall be satisfied for its meetings by the attendance of at least two thirds of its members provided that they shall include the President or any of his deputies while its resolutions shall be adopted by the majority of the votes of attending members.

Article (12)

A- The Council shall issue its resolutions regarding the consultations rendered to it by at least two thirds of the members of each group.

B- If the quorum provided for in paragraph (A) of this article shall not be met, then the Council shall form a special committee to consider the issue

referred to the Council to reach a compromise proposal to be submitted to the Council at the first meeting held by it.

Article (13)

A- The Council shall appoint a full time Secretary General by a resolution of the Council of Ministers pursuant to a recommendation of the Prime Minister based upon a recommendation of the Minister of Labor which resolution shall determine his salary and other financial benefits.

B- The Secretary General shall participate at the meetings of the Council without being entitled to vote to its resolutions.

Article (14)

The Secretary General shall assume the missions and powers as follows:

A- Following up the implementation of the Council's general policy and the resolutions issued by it.

B- Preparing the draft annual budget of the Council and refer it to the President to be submitted to the Council.

C- Preparing the semi annual report related to the activities of the Council in order to be discussed and referred to the Council of Ministers.

D- Supervising the administrative and financial matters of the Council as well as its personnel.

E- Making minutes for the Council's meetings as well as maintaining its entries and registers.

F- Preparing the agendas for the meetings of the Council. Executive Office and committees.

G- Preparing the Council's final financial statements and referring them to the President to be submitted to the Council for approval.

H- Any other missions assigned to him by the President or the Council.

Article (15)

A- The Council shall form permanent committees as it may deem suitable to perform its missions provided that all the members shall participate in them to the exclusion of the President and the members of the Executive Office.

B- Each committee, and at its first meeting held, shall elect its president and secretary.

C- The matters related to the missions of each committee, its membership, the manner by which its meetings shall be held and adopting its recommendations shall be determined by instructions to be issued to that effect by the Council.

D- The president, and by the recommendation of the Executive Office, shall form one or more of the temporary committees from among the members of the Council to deal with any issue referred to the Council which shall be without prejudice to the powers and specialties of the permanent committees provided that their missions and method of working shall be set by their formation resolution.

Article (16)

The Council of Ministers may seek the consultation of the Council in any of the following matters:

A- The policies, plans and legislations related to the economic, social, cultural and environmental fields.

B- The draft laws related to the work relationships, work conditions and the laws concerned with the social dialogue or those related to the affairs of the Council and its works.

Article (17)

Any Minister or president of a party represented at the Council may seek its consultation in any issue concerned with his missions.

Article (18)

The Council shall provide its feed back regarding the consultation request submitted to it within thirty days at most as from the date of submitting it in ordinary cases while such term may be extended in cases of necessity

to not more than sixty days according to the conditions included in the instructions issued by the Council to that effect.

Article (19)

A- The Council shall be fully independent in practicing its activities while it shall be entitled to access all the information,, studies and documents related to its missions, works and subjects considered by it in accordance with the legislations applicable.

B- The Council may consult with the experts and specialists to carry out studies and researched in the matters required for it to perform its missions.

Article (20)

A- The membership of the Council shall terminate in any of the following cases:

1- The resignation.

2- By a resolution of the Council to be adopted by the majority of the votes of its members in case the member shall commit any breach for the current Regulation and the instructions issued by virtue of it.

3- By a resolution of the Council upon the request of the party represented by the member based upon a report showing the reasons and justifications of the request and after referring it to a special committee formed for the purpose by the President.

4- If the member shall be convicted by committing a crime or an offence that may encroach the honor or public morals.

5- If the member shall be absent from three consecutive meetings or six non consecutive meetings without an excuse accepted by the Council.

6- If the member's practicing for his missions shall be rendered impossible for any reason whatever.

7- The death.

B- If any of the Council's members shall be disqualified, then his substitute shall be appointed for the remaining term of his membership according to the provisions hereof.

Article (21)

A- The Council's financial resources shall be constituted of the funds allowed for it in the public budget in addition to the funds received by it provide that they shall be approved by the Council of Ministers if originated from a non Jordanian resource.

B- The Council shall have a special account in which all the financial resources attained by it pursuant to the provisions hereof shall be deposited.

Article (22)

The Council of Ministers shall determine the remuneration of the President and his other financial benefits as well as the remuneration of the Council's members against attending its sessions.

Article (23)

The Council shall issue the instructions necessary for implementing the provisions of this Regulation including those related to the financial affairs, supplies and employees as well as the instructions necessary for regulating the affairs of its internal works and rendering the consultations.