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We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi;

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No.(2)of 2000 concerning civil retirement pensions and benefits of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Amiri Decree No. (21) of 1994 concerning the appointment of a Secretary-General in the Supreme Petroleum Council and a General Manager in Abu Dhabi National Oil Company; and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council;

Issued the following decree:

Article(1)

H.E Yousef Omair bin Yousef, the General Manager of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), shall be sent to retirement.

Article(2)

This decree shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Ruler of Abu Dhabi

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Law No. (2) of 2011
concerning the establishment of
Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority

We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi;

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (2) of 1971 concerning the National Advisory Council and its amendments;
- Law No. (8) of 1970 concerning antiquities and excavations;
- Law No. (2) of 2000 concerning civil retirement pensions and benefits of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (7) of 2004 concerning the establishment of Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority;

- Law No. (1) of 2006 concerning the civil service in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi as amended by Law No. (1) of 2008;
- Law No. (14) of 2008 concerning the establishment of Abu Dhabi Accountability Authority;
- Federal Law No. (6) of 2008 concerning the establishment of a National Council for Tourism and Antiquities; and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council;

Issued the following law :

Article(1)

In the implementation of the provisions of this Law, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings corresponding thereto unless the context requires otherwise:

State	United Arab Emirates
Emirate	Emirate of Abu Dhabi
Executive Council	Executive Council of the Emirate
Authority	Abu Dhabi Culture and Tourism Authority
Board of Directors	Board of Directors of the authority
General Manager	General Manager of the authority
Cultural Heritage	Everything of a culturally important by nature, whether physical or moral, and is a product or evidence of traditions, physical or moral achievements of the past and present from buildings, complexes, regions, environments, cultural sites, museums, industrial resorts, literature, dialects, arts, customs, heritage, traditions, popular beliefs, traditional sports, all aspects of the environment resulting from the interaction between man and locations over time, and any other matter considered by the Executive Council as cultural heritage.

Management of Cultural Heritage

The method of supervising and managing a cultural property through its identification, protection, study, documentation, preservation, maintenance, promotion and sustainable use in the present or the future.

Cultural Property

Movable and real estate properties that are important to the Emirate cultural heritage and Nationals; such as engineering, art, historical, religious and worldly monuments, archaeological locations and monuments, monuments and remnants of natural, geological and paleontological history, pieces of art, manuscripts, books and other objects of cultural value.

Touristic Facility

Any public or private, natural or juridicial person involved in a touristic activity.

Touristic Activity

Any work or activity related to providing a touristic, recreational or entertainment service to the public; such as hotels, resorts, restaurants, cinemas, theatres, museums, touristic tours organizers, touristic transport companies and establishments, tourist offices, various entertainment and recreation facilities and any other activity considered by the Executive Council as touristic activity.

Touristic Investment Zones

Lands, buildings, areas, facilities and utilities approved by the Executive Council as touristic investment zones.

Civil Society Institutions

Non-profit and public benefit entities operating in the areas of public service and community development.

Article(2)

A public authority to be called "Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority" shall be established , shall have an independent legal personality and full capacity to exercise its activities and achieve its goals, and shall enjoy financial and administrative independence.

Article(3)

The Authority main office shall be Abu Dhabi city. The Board of Directors may establish branches or offices inside and outside the State.

Article(4)

The Authority aims to preserve, protect, manage and promote the cultural heritage of the Emirate, and achieve its touristic development. For that purpose it may:

First - in the field of tourism:

1. Promote and develop tourism in the Emirate.
2. Lay down the Emirate plan for touristic development based on the studies it prepares for this purpose and supervise the plan implementation.
3. Study, suggest and review all touristic projects and facilities and governmental touristic services currently existing or listed in the government's plan for implementation, and give its opinion in light of the touristic development plan.
4. Lay down the general plan for exhibitions' activities in the Emirate and supervise its implementation.
5. Issue licenses for exhibitions' activities in the Emirate and monitor them.
6. Issue the specification guidebook to classify the touristic facilities and handle their classification in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Authority.

7. Issue licenses for touristic facilities and record them in the commercial register of these facilities maintained by the Authority.
8. Monitor the touristic activity in the Emirate.
9. Study the government - owned touristic, archaeological, historical and natural facilities and locations, and coordinate with the concerned entities in the Emirate in order to enhance and develop the same to achieve the objectives of the touristic development plan.
10. Organise the services of tour guides and other workers in the tourism sector, supervise their enhancement and training, and issue licenses for them to practice the profession.
11. Market and promote the Emirate as a touristic destination and promote the touristic investment opportunities therein locally, regionally and internationally.
12. Hold seminars, conferences, exhibitions and festivals to market the Emirate as a centre of specialised international exhibitions and promote tourism and investment in touristic activities, whether inside or outside the Emirate.

13. Establish and manage Abu Dhabi Touristic Information Centre inside and outside the State.
14. Coordinate with various local and federal governmental entities to facilitate procedures in order to attract tourists and touristic project investors.
15. Conduct the necessary studies to specify tourism investment zones and present such studies to the Executive Council for approval and specify the provisions related to investment therein. Tourism investment zones shall be announced pursuant to an Executive Council Resolution.
16. Perform any work or activity related to the tourism inside the Emirate to the extent that achieves the Authority's objectives set forth in this Law.

Second - in the field of culture and heritage:

1. Lay down cultural policies, plans and programmes and work on their implementation.

2. License civil society institutions in the fields of tourism and culture to exercise their activities in the Emirate in accordance with the regulations and resolutions issued by the Authority for this purpose.
3. Study the projects related to the development, protection and promotion of the Emirate's cultural heritage and raise the necessary suggestions thereon to the concerned entities.
4. Organise and develop activities related to the State's heritage.
5. Organise exhibitions, conferences and events related to culture and cultural heritage.
6. Sponsor intellectual and artistic activity through the management of lecture halls, conferences, cultural shows and Fine Arts Exhibition affiliated to the National Library, organize educational symposium, seminars and intellectual, scientific, technical, professional meetings and publish studies and researches in the fields of the Authority competences.

7. Maintain archaeological, historical and heritage locations and buildings and prepare inventories of cultural and heritage movable and real estate properties.
8. Carry out archeological exploration, restore antiquities, issue licenses necessary for archeological exploration and supervise the work and activities of the scientific missions in the field of archeology.
9. Establish, manage and develop museums and supervise and maintain cultural collections stored in museums and stores.
10. Suggest draft laws and regulations necessary to protect, maintain, manage and promote the cultural heritage.
11. Support education and training in the Authority's work areas, develop human and cultural resources necessary in the field of cultural heritage documentation, classification, preservation and management.

12. Lay down the general plans for the activities of museums and heritage exhibitions in the Emirate and supervise their implementation, in coordination with entities working in such field.
13. Prosecute offenses and abuses of the Emirate's cultural heritage, in cooperation with the competent entities.
14. Provide support and assistance to the entities involved in the protection, management and promotion of cultural heritage.
15. Control public and private cultural property in the field of cultural heritage.
16. Manage the National Library of Abu Dhabi city, so as to provide intellectual activity and literary and scientific production with their needs of references, books, manuscripts and periodicals representing all branches of human knowledge in Arabic and other languages, and to facilitate access to them by audiences of all ages and cultural levels.

17. Deploy all efforts to monitor the national history through collecting various documents and recording its heritage, and work on its review, study and publication.
18. Any work or activity related to cultural heritage inside or outside the Emirate that achieves the Authority's objectives and as assigned to it by the Chairman of the Executive Council.

Article(5)

- The management of the Authority shall be assumed by a Board of Directors of at least five members, including the chairman and vice-chairman. A resolution of the chairman of the Executive Council concerning their appointment and remunerations shall be issued .
- The term of Board's membership shall be five renewable years.

Article(6)

The Board of Directors shall be the competent authority to lay down the Authority's general policy, and to follow up its implementation to achieve its objectives. It may exercise all the powers and authorities necessary to do so, and shall in particular assume the following:

1. Lay down the general policy of the Authority and adopt the necessary plans to implement the same.
2. Suggest legislations related to the achievement of the Authority's objectives and submit the same to the Executive Council.
3. Encourage the private sector to invest in tourism and culture field.
4. Form advisory committees from local and international experts to preserve, manage and promote the cultural heritage of the Emirate.
5. Issue the organisational structure of the Authority, and specify competencies, functions, departments, sections and administrative units therein.

6. Issue the Internal Regulations for the Board's work and meetings.
7. Issue internal, financial and administrative regulations and the human resources bylaws of the Authority.
8. Approve the draft annual budget and the annual final account of the Authority.
9. Generally consider whichever referred to the Authority of matters related to its activity.

Article(7)

The Chairman of the Board of Directors is the legal representative of the Authority, and the internal regulations and bylaws shall specify his authorities.

The internal regulations organising the Board's work and meetings shall specify how the Board of Directors convene, vote and make decisions, provided that the Board meets once at least every three months upon the invitation of the chairman or vice-chairman of the Board.

Article(8)

The Authority shall have a General Manager, and a resolution concerning his appointment, authorities and remunerations shall be issued by the Board of Directors.

Article(9)

The Authority shall have a budget to be submitted by the Board of Directors together with the operational and capital budgets to the Executive Council for approval. The Department of Finance shall cover the appropriations allocated by the Executive Council and transfer them to the Authority as quarterly installments.

Article(10)

The Authority's funds, facilities and belongings shall be deemed as public money.

Article(11)

The fiscal year of the Authority shall begin on the first of January and shall expire at the end of December of each year, with the exception of the first fiscal year which shall begin on the date of effectiveness of this Law and expire at the end of December of the following year.

Article(12)

The resources of the Authority shall consist of:

1. Annual appropriations allocated by the Executive Council.
2. Income from services provided by the Authority and its activities.
3. Any other resources approved by the Board of Directors.

Article(13)

- The Board of Directors shall appoint one or accredited auditors to audit the Authority's accounts and financial statements. The appointment resolution shall specify their remuneration.

- The auditor shall be granted access to the records, statements and books of the Authority.

Article(14)

In agreement with the chairman of the Board of directors, a resolution of the Judicial Department Head shall specify the names of the Authority's employees who are vested with the capacity of investigation officer for crimes that fall within the scope of their competences and related to their jobs, pursuant to the provisions of this Law and the applicable legislations.

Article(15)

The Authority, its affiliated or owned facilities, shall be exempted from all local taxes and fees.

Article(16)

1. The employees of Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority, established pursuant to the aforesaid Law No. (7) of 2004, and the employees of Abu Dhabi Authority of Culture and Heritage, established pursuant to the aforesaid Law No. (28) of 2005, shall be transferred to the Authority with the same allocations and financial positions pursuant to the provisions of the law. Within six months from its formation date, the Board of directors shall issue resolutions specifying the job titles and authorities of each of the transferred employees. The Board of Directors may modify any of such titles or authorities.
2. All the assets, rights and obligations of Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority and Abu Dhabi Culture and Heritage Authority shall be assigned to the Authority.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions of the resolutions issued by the Board of Directors pursuant to clause (1) of this Article, the employees transferred pursuant to the provisions of this Law shall continue to assume all competences and authorities granted to them before the effectiveness of its provisions until the issuance of the resolutions organizing the same by the Board of Directors.

4. The Executive Council may issue, as it deems appropriate, resolutions related to assigned assets, rights and obligations.

Article(17)

The provisions of civil service laws and regulations applicable in the Emirate shall apply to the Authority's employees unless otherwise specifically provided for in their employment contracts or within the bylaws and regulations issued pursuant to the provisions of this law. This is without prejudice to any of their financial allocations and positions pursuant to the provisions of the law, and taking into account the job titles and authorities as may be specified by the Board of Directors resolution. The law of civil pensions and retirement benefits effective in the Emirate shall apply to Nationals.

Article(18)

1. The aforesaid Law No. (7) of 2004 and the aforesaid Law No. (28) of 2005 shall be repealed.

2. Any text or provision contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Law shall be repealed.

Article(19)

This law shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Issued by us in Abu Dhabi
Date: 8 June 2011
Corresponding to:
7 Rajab 1432 Hijri

Law No. (6) of 2011
concerning the amendment of certain provisions of
Law No. (8) of 1976 concerning alcoholic beverages

We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi;

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (2) of 1971 concerning the National Advisory Council and its amendments;
- Law No. (8) of 1976 concerning alcoholic beverages;
- Law No. (13) of 2006 concerning the monitor of touristic facilities in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;
- Law No. (2) of 2011 concerning the establishment of Abu Dhabi Authority for Tourism and Culture; and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council;

Issued the following law:

Article(1)

The definition, "Licensing Authority: Interior Minister or whomever he authorizes", shall be replaced by the definition, "Licensing Authority: Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority" wherever mentioned in the aforesaid Law No. (8) of 1976 , the regulations and resolutions issued in implementation thereof.

Article(2)

Article (9) of the aforesaid Law No. (8) of 1976 shall be replaced by the following:"It is not permitted to license shops to sell or serve alcoholic beverages near places of worship. The licensing authority shall sprcify the locations where granting licenses is permitted".

Article(3)

Article (22) of the aforesaid Law No. (8) of 1976 shall be replaced by the following:"Based on the suggestion of the licensing authority, the Executive Council shall issue the following:

- A resolution concerning the fees of the activities performed by it pursuant to the provisions of this law.
- A resolution concerning the prescribed fines and offenses provided that the fine stipulated in this law shall be abided by.
- The executive regulations and resolutions necessary to implement the provisions of this law."

Article(4)

- Article No. (13) of the aforesaid Law No. (8) of 1976 shall be repealed.
- Any text or provision contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this law shall be repealed.

Article(5)

**This Law shall be effective from the date of its publication
and published in the Official Gazette.**

**Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Ruler of Abu Dhabi**

**Issued by us in Abu Dhabi
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Chairman of the Executive Council Resolutions

Chairman of the Executive Council
Resolution No. (14) of 2012
concerning the formation of the Board of Directors
of Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority

We, Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince,
Chairman of the Executive Council;

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (2) of 2011 concerning the establishment of Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority; and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council;

Issued the following resolution:

Article(1)

The Board of Directors of Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority shall be formed under the chairmanship of His Excellency Sheikh Sultan bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan, and the membership of their Excellencies and Gentlemen:

1. Dr. Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh
2. Muhammad Khalaf Al Mazrouei
3. Jassim Muhammad Al Darmaki
4. Brigadier General Omeir Muhammad Al Muhairi

Article(2)

The term of board's membership shall be five renewable years.

Article(3)

This resolution shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Crown Prince
Chairman of the Executive Council

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**Chairman of the Executive Council
Resolution No. (15) of 2012 concerning the
formation of the Board of Directors of the
Monitoring and Control Centre**

We, Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince,
Chairman of the Executive Council;

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (5) of 2011 concerning the establishment of the Monitoring and Control Centre; and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council;

Issued the following resolution:

Article(1)

The Board of Directors of the Monitoring and Control Centre shall be formed under the chairmanship of H.E Mohammed Khalfan Al Rumaithi and the membership of their Excellencies and Gentlemen:

1. Jassim Mohammed Al Darmaki
2. Khalid Mohammed Hashim
3. Dr. Saeed Abdullah Al Ghaffi
4. Dr. Jamal Rashid Al Hosni
5. Brigadier General Mohammed Matar Butti Al Khaili
6. Colonel Saeed Mohammad Saeed Al Kaabi

Article(2)

The term of board's membership shall be three renewable years.

Article(3)

This resolution shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Crown Prince
Chairman of the Executive Council

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