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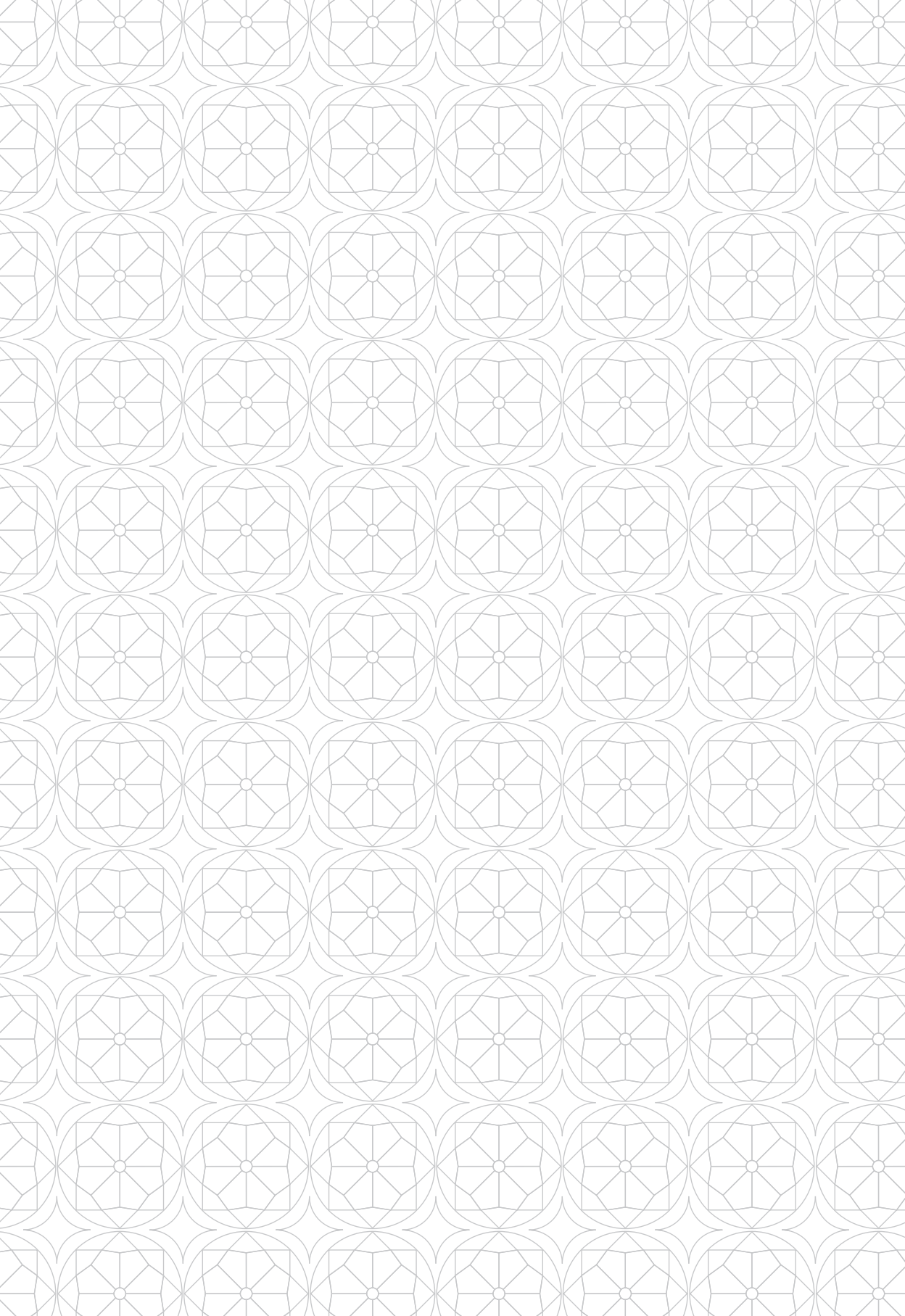
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# Laws



# Law No. (8) of 2022

## Concerning Media Zone Authority-Abu Dhabi

### **We, Mohamed 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. (2) of 2000 concerning Civil Pensions and Retirement Benefits in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments;
- Law No. (12) of 2007 concerning Media Zone Authority-Abu Dhabi;
- Law No. (6) of 2016 concerning the Human Resources in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments;
- Law No. (1) of 2017 concerning the Financial System of Abu Dhabi Government, and its amendments;
- Law No. (2) of 2018 concerning the Incorporation of Abu Dhabi Development Holding Company “Public Joint Stock Company”;
- Law No. (8) of 2018 concerning the Establishment of the Department of Culture and Tourism;
- Law No. (7) of 2021 concerning the Establishment of the Creative Media Authority;
- Chairman of the Executive Council Resolution No. (28) of 2017 concerning the Consideration of the Lands Allocated to the Media Zone Authority – Abu Dhabi as a Free Zone;
- Chairman of the Executive Council Resolution No. (143) of 2019 concerning the Specification of Developmental Company;
- Executive Council Resolution No. (50) of 2021 concerning the Free Zones Council in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; 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	: The United Arab Emirates.
Emirate	: The Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
Government	: The Government of Abu Dhabi.
Executive Council	: The Executive Council of the Emirate.
Authority	: The Creative Media Authority.
Company	: Abu Dhabi Development Holding Company or its subsidiaries.
Free Zone	: the geographical scope of the real estate properties over which the Authority exercises its competencies, as specified by a Chairman of the Executive Council Resolution, and it shall be called the “Creative Zone”.
Free Zone Establishments	: The corporate persons licensed to operate in the Free Zone in accordance with the provisions of this Law and the regulations, bylaws and resolutions issued for its implementation. They shall include commercial companies that are established in the Free Zone or that establish branches for them in the Free Zone, Sole proprietorships, and holders of licences of sole proprietors (independent persons).
Media	: All applications, processes, materials, programmes, products, processing methods, and experiences that are used in the field of production, transmission, distribution, broadcasting and diffusion of print, digital, audio and visual information, including without limitation: terrestrial and satellite radio and television broadcasting; television, audio or text production; and any new technology in this field.

## Article (2)

- The Media Zone Authority - Abu Dhabi shall be dissolved pursuant to the provisions of this Law, and the Authority shall be considered its legal successor, and all assets, obligations, rights, competencies and contracts shall be transferred to it.
- Employees of Media Zone Authority - Abu Dhabi shall be transferred to the Authority, without prejudice to their financial and pension allocations and in accordance with the legislations in force.

## Article (3)

The following powers and competences shall be added to the Authority:

1. Laying down the policies and strategies for the functions and activities of the Free Zone, and ways of implementing them, with the aim of making the Free Zone a centre for the development and support of media, interactive media, media production and creative products.
2. Marketing the Free Zone in cooperation with the competent authorities in accordance with the legislations in force.
3. Managing of the Free Zone in all organisational aspects in accordance with the legislations in force.
4. Issuing certificates of incorporation, licensing, supervision, control and inspection of Free Zone establishments.
5. Organising works and activities within the Free Zone.
6. Conducting research and providing consultations to the Government in relation to the legislations and regulations for organising and encouraging media and related scientific research.
7. Laying down the rules, controls and systems that protect databases, information and strategies, and ensuring the application and activation of the legislations protecting intellectual property rights.
8. Licensing establishments, companies and other corporate persons, which are located outside the geographical scope of the Free Zone, as Free Zone establishments, upon the approval of the Executive Council.
9. Specifying, imposing and collecting fees in return for the services it



provides.

10. Issuing regulations and procedures for the recruitment and hiring of employees and workers in the Free Zone (including holders of licences of sole proprietors (independent persons) and company officials), and coordinating with the competent authorities to grant them the relevant residency permits in the Free Zone, in accordance with the legislations in force.
  11. Issuing the bylaws, regulations, resolutions and policies necessary to regulate the procedures for establishing, declaring, registering, licensing, classifying, liquidating and dissolving Free Zone establishments and supervising them; and the procedures, conditions, and controls that govern their work and all relevant matters.
- The Authority may delegate some of its competencies to any other governmental entity, or outsource some of it to the private sector upon the approval of the Executive Council.

#### Article (4)

No activity may be exercised in the Free Zone without a licence from the Authority, or in violation of the Free Zone regulations.

#### Article (5)

Activities to be carried out in the Free Zone shall include the following:

1. Preparing, designing, developing, using and maintaining media-related materials, programmes and databases.
2. Games, e-sports, e-commerce, interactive media, media production, creative products and associated industries.
3. Media, radio, audio-visual broadcasting, television stations, issuing, publishing and distributing newspapers, magazines and books.
4. Manufacturing of materials that are used in preparing, packaging, producing or distributing media materials.
5. Providing media services via internet, or through any means of technology.
6. Marketing, advertising and event services.

7. Importing, storing and exporting hardware, materials, software and products used in media and advertising.
8. Storage, supply, distribution, and redistribution services necessary to carry out the activities permitted in the Free Zone.
9. Commercial activities necessary for the provisions of services to residents, workers and visitors of the Free Zone.
10. Contributing to the preparation of studies, research and tests, and the development of media products.

The Authority may add any other activities that are related or associated to the activities mentioned in the preceding paragraph of this Article.

#### Article (6)

A resolution shall be issued by the Executive Council specifying the activities to be undertaken by the Company inside the Free Zone.

#### Article (7)

1. With respect to their licence, operations or conditions of work at the Free Zone, the Authority, or the companies, establishments or individuals operating at the Free Zone, shall not be subject to laws, regulations and licensing resolutions for economic, professional or media activities applicable outside the Free Zone, with the exception of laws and regulations related to the environment, penal and labour.
2. Free Zone Establishments shall indicate in their name and all their business, contracts, advertisements, invoices, correspondence and publications that they are Free Zone Establishments incorporated under the provisions of this Law. In case of omission of such indication, the owner(s) of the Establishment and its managers shall be responsible with all their assets for the Establishment's obligations.
3. It shall be prohibited to assign the licence issued by the Authority to third parties without obtaining the prior written approval of the competent authority in the Authority.
4. It shall be prohibited to possess, keep, store or bring the following products,

goods and services into the Free Zone:

- Products that violate the laws protecting intellectual property and patents, including goods that violate the laws and rules related to trademarks, patents, copyrights and design.
- Products boycotted by the State.
- All goods, products and services that are prohibited pursuant to the laws of the State or the Emirate.

#### Article (8)

All the Free Zone Establishments and their employees and workers shall undertake to provide the Authority with any documents, data or information it requests to exercise or carry out its functions.

#### Article (9)

Free Zone imports shall be exempted from customs duties, and its exports to the Emirate shall be subject to the applicable customs duties.

#### Article (10)

The Free Zone Establishments shall be responsible towards third parties for all their actions and operations, and the Authority shall not be responsible for such actions and operations.

#### Article (11)

1. All rules, regulations, procedures, policies, instructions and directions issued by the Media Zone Authority - Abu Dhabi shall remain in force until the Authority issues the rules, regulations, procedures, policies and instructions implementing the provisions of this Law.
2. All Free Zone Establishments that have been previously incorporated, licensed and registered by Media Zone Authority - Abu Dhabi shall continue to operate until they are liquidated, closed or written off in accordance with the Authority's regulations. Each certificate issued by Media Zone Authority - Abu Dhabi shall remain considered as evidence

that the Free Zone Establishment has been incorporated according to the date specified in the certificate.

3. All certificates of incorporation, commercial licences, publishing and broadcasting licences and licences of sole proprietors (independent persons) of Free Zone Establishments, issued by Media Zone Authority - Abu Dhabi, shall remain valid until the date of their expiry or cancellation without the need for other documents to confirm their validity.
4. All residence permits issued by Media Zone Authority - Abu Dhabi, shall remain valid until the date of their expiry, in coordination with the competent authorities
5. All commercial activities approved by Media Zone Authority - Abu Dhabi before the effective date of the provisions of this Law shall continue, and shall be considered among the activities referred to in Article No. (5) of this Law.

#### Article (12)

- The aforesaid Law No. (12) of 2007 shall be repealed.
- Any provision contrary to the provisions of this Law shall be repealed.

#### Article (13)

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

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

Issued by us in Abu Dhabi  
On: 06 June 2022  
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Law No. (10) of 2022  
Concerning the Amendment of Some Provisions of  
Law No. (2) of 2012  
Concerning the Preservation of General Appearance,  
Health and Public Peace in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

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  - Law No. (2) of 1971 concerning the National Advisory Council, and its amendments;
  - Law No. (2) of 2012 concerning the Preservation of General Appearance, Health and Public Peace in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;
  - Law No. (30) of 2019 concerning the Establishment of the Department of Municipalities and Transport; and
  - Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council,
- Issued the following Law:

Article (1)

Articles (6) and (7) of the aforesaid Law No. (2) of 2012 shall be replaced by the following:

Article 6:

- Without prejudice to any more severe punishment provided by another law, an administrative fine not exceeding AED (1,000,000) one million Dirhams shall be imposed on anyone who violates the provisions of this Law and its organisational and executive regulations, as well as the rules, policies, resolutions and circulars implementing it.
- The concerned municipality shall collect the administrative fines, and the Chairman of the Department, upon the approval of the Executive Council, shall issue a schedule specifying the violations and administrative fines prescribed for each of them, without exceeding the fine stipulated in this Article.

- The Chairman of the Department or whomever he delegates may offer reconciliation to the violator, provided that this is written down in the records of the proceedings. The violator who accepts the reconciliation shall pay a fine equal to (75%) of the total administrative fine prescribed for the violation within a period not exceeding sixty days from the date of offering him the reconciliation.
- In all cases, if the violator does not commit to remove the traces of the violation on time, the concerned municipality shall do that at the violator's expense.
- The organisational and executive regulations of this Law shall specify the reconciliation procedures, including its time limits.

Article 7:

- A grievance may be filed, before the concerned municipality, against the administrative fine within one week from the date of notification of the penalty to the appellant. Failing to decide upon the grievance within two weeks from the date of its submission shall be considered as a rejection of the said grievance.

Article (2)

The policies, regulations, rules and resolutions in force shall remain in force to the extent it does not contradict with the provisions of this Law, until the issuance of the policies, regulations, rules and resolutions implementing its provisions.

Article (3)

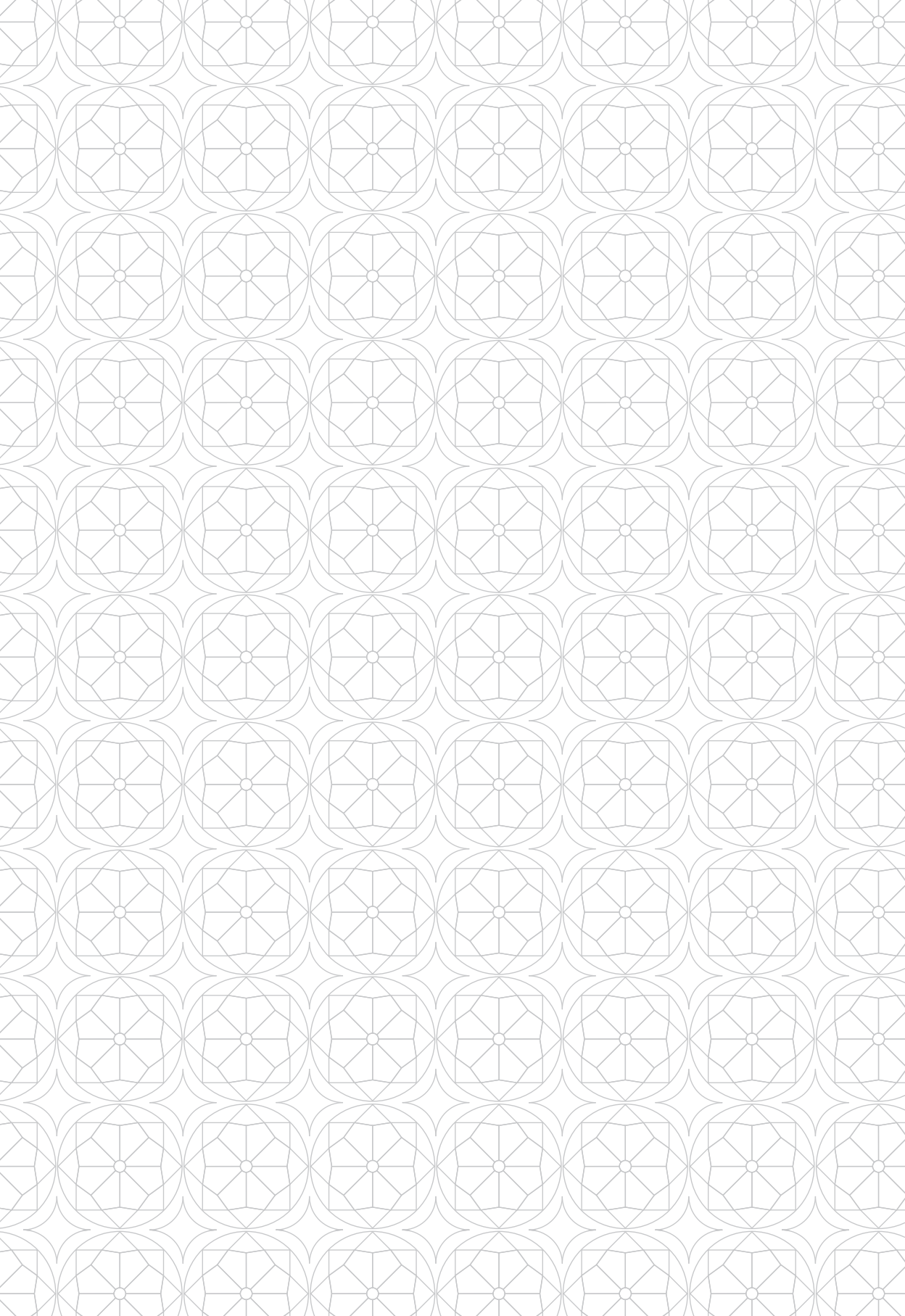
Any provision contrary to the provisions of this Law shall be repealed.

Article (4)

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

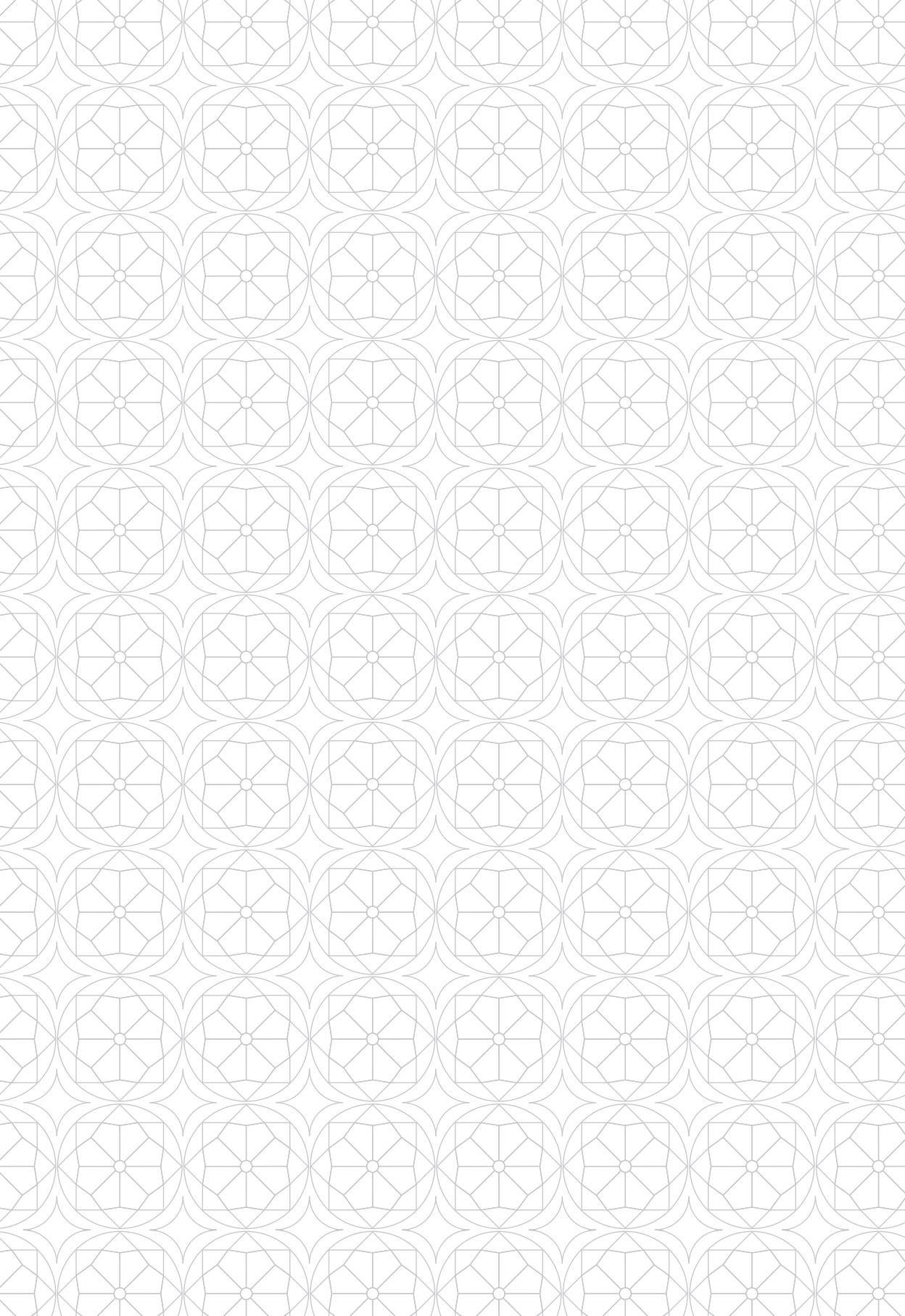
**Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**  
**Ruler of Abu Dhabi**

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# Executive Council Resolutions





Executive Council Resolution  
No. (56) of 2022  
Concerning the Replacement of a Member of the  
Board of Directors of the International Fund for  
Houbara Conservation

Pursuant to the Crown Prince Resolution No. (19) of 2020 concerning the reformation of the Board of Directors of the International Fund for Houbara Conservation,

The Executive Council decided the following:

Mr. Abdullah Ahmed Al Qubaisi shall replace His Excellency Dr. Abdullah bin Mohammed Belhaif Al Nuaimi as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Fund for Houbara Conservation.

**Saif Saeed Ghobash**  
**Secretary-General**

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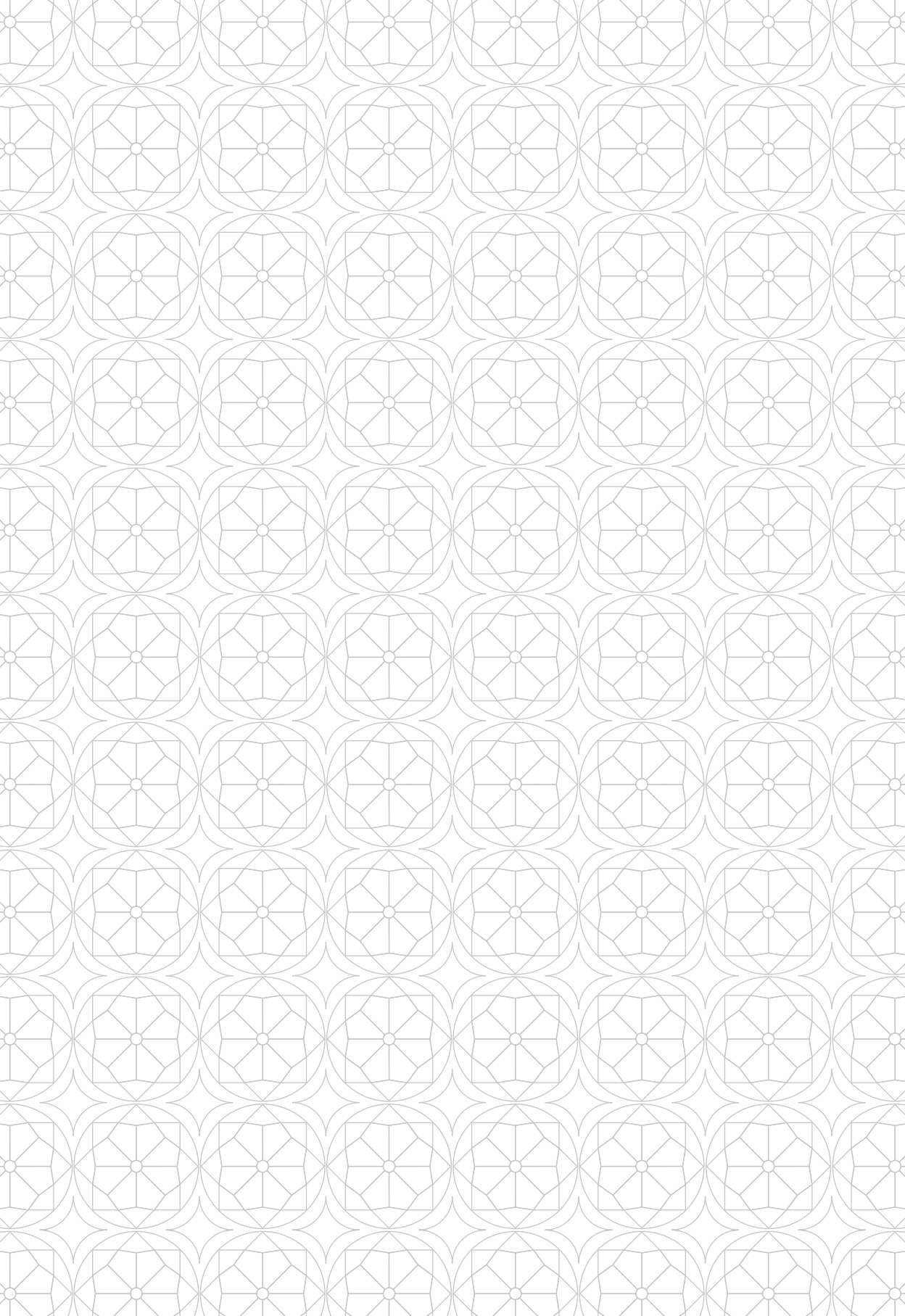
Executive Council Resolution  
No. (73) of 2022  
Concerning the Appointment of the President of  
Khalifa University of Science and Technology

The Executive Council decided the following:

Professor Sir John O'Reilly shall be appointed as President of Khalifa University of Science and Technology.

**Saif Saeed Ghobash**  
**Secretary-General**

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