

**COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE
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SECRETARIAT GENERAL



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In accordance with the Charter of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf signed on Rajab 21, 1401 H corresponding to May 25, 1981, and

In conformity with the Unified Economic Agreement signed on Sha'aban 6, 1401 corresponding to June 8, 1981, especially chapter 14 of the said agreement, and

In an effort of the Cooperation Council States to fulfill the transfer and adaptation of technology and enhance the economic development.

The Supreme Council has approved the Cooperation Council Patent Office Statute as follows:

Article 1

In accordance with this Statute, an office shall be established within the framework of the Cooperation Council Secretariat General, called "Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf".

Article 2

The Patent Office shall be at the Headquarters of the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council. The Board of Directors of the Patent Office may open branches for the Patent Office in the Cooperation Council States.

Article 3

The Patent Office shall carry out the following assignments:

- a) Implementation of the Patent Regulation for the Cooperation Council and its Bylaws.

- b) Authentication and publication of data particular to inventions.
- c) Any other functions assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

Article 4

The Patent Office shall be directed by a Board of Directors consisting of a qualified representative from each Cooperation Council State with a rank not less than deputy minister. The Associate Secretary-General for Economic Affairs and the Director of the Patent Office shall participate in its meetings with no right to vote.

Article 5

The Board of Directors shall be chaired by one of its members for one year in rotation form among themselves as it is followed in the Cooperation Council.

Article 6

The Board of Directors shall hold its meetings upon invitation by the Chairman at least once a year and whenever necessary. The invitation to ordinary meetings shall be sent one month in advance of its session.

Article 7

The meeting of the Board of Directors shall be deemed valid by the presence of two thirds of the Board members including its Chairman.

Article 8

Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be taken unanimously by attendant members, and they shall be binding to all Member States.

Article 9

The Board of Directors shall have the following func-

tions:

- a) Tasks stipulated in the Patent Regulation for the Cooperation Council States (Articles 11, 12, and 18).
- b) Proposes the Implementing Bylaws of the Patent Regulation.
- c) Defines the requirements and laying down the policies and the plans necessary for the performance of the Patent Office.
- d) Any other task entrusted to it by the Ministerial Council.

Article 10

- a) The Director of the Patent Office shall be appointed by the Secretary-General upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and according to the guidelines set forth by the Board of Directors.
- b) Staff of the Patent Office shall be appointed by the Secretary-General in coordination with the Director of the Patent Office and in compliance with the prevailing procedures at the Secretariat General.

Article 11

The Director of the Patent Office shall carry out and follow up the resolutions taken by the Board of Directors and shall exercise the authorities entrusted to him by the Board of Directors.

Article 12

This Statute shall come into force after three months from its approval by the Supreme Council.

Article 13

The Financial and Economic Cooperation Committee shall have the right of interpretation of this Statute.