



Government:	The Government of Dubai.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai.
LAD:	The Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department.
Government Entities:	Government departments, authorities, and public corporations, including free zone authorities, Government councils, and committees in the Emirate.
Sectoral Committee:	Any of the sectoral committees of the Executive Council established pursuant to the above-mentioned Executive Council Resolution No. (26) of 2009.
SLC:	The Supreme Legislation Committee in the Emirate of Dubai established pursuant to the above-mentioned Decree No. (23) of 2014.
Chairman:	The chairman of the SLC.
General Secretariat:	The general secretariat of the SLC.
Secretary General:	The secretary general of the SLC.
Legislation:	This includes laws, decrees, resolutions, regulations, bylaws, instructions, and regulatory orders issued by the Government and Government Entities.

### **Objectives of the Resolution**

#### **Article (2)**

This Resolution aims to:

1. regulate the process of issuing and revising Legislation by adopting clear and effective procedures and methods in accordance with the Government strategic plan;
2. develop the legislative process of the Government in accordance with its approved strategic plans, and improve and enhance the quality and efficiency of Legislation;
3. ensure the consistency and integration of Legislation with the Constitution, federal legislation, and the local Legislation in force in the Emirate;
4. regulate the relationship between Government Entities in the Emirate and federal, regional, and international entities, in the area of legislation and international treaties and conventions; and
5. establish effective communication between the Government and Government Entities in the area of legislation and international treaties and conventions.

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## **Formation of the SLC**

### **Article (3)**

- a. The SLC will be formed of at least seven (7) experienced and specialised members, including the Chairman, vice chairman, and Secretary General. The SLC members will be appointed and their remuneration will be determined pursuant to a resolution issued by the Chairman of the Executive Council. The term of membership in the SLC will be three (3) years, renewable for the same period.
- b. The SLC will be convened at the invitation of the Chairman, or the vice chairman where the Chairman is absent, at least twice a month or where necessary, at the time and place determined by the chair of the meeting.
- c. The SLC meetings will be valid if attended by the majority of its members provided that the Chairman or vice chairman is in attendance.
- d. The SLC will issue its resolutions and recommendations by majority vote of attending members, and in the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting will have a casting vote.
- e. SLC resolutions and recommendations will be recorded in minutes of meetings signed by the chair of the meeting and attending members.
- f. The SLC rapporteur will send the invitations required to attend its meetings to SLC members, experts and consultants from Government Entities, and other persons required to attend the meetings. The rapporteur will draft the agenda and minutes of meetings of the SLC, follow up implementation of its resolutions and recommendations, and perform any duties assigned by the Chairman.
- g. In the course of performing the SLC functions stipulated in this Resolution, the SLC may, as it deems appropriate, seek the assistance of experts and specialists, but they will have no vote in its deliberations.
- h. The SLC may form permanent or temporary sub-committees or work teams to assist in performing its duties. The resolutions forming these sub-committees or work teams must determine their members, duties, and term.

## **Agenda of the SLC**

### **Article (4)**

The SLC rapporteur will prepare the SLC agenda and submit it to the Chairman for approval. Upon approval of the agenda by the Chairman, the rapporteur will communicate it to SLC members at least two (2) working days prior to the date of meeting.

## **Minutes of SLC Meetings**

### **Article (5)**

Minutes of SLC meetings will include all recommendations and resolutions issued by it. The SLC rapporteur must send these minutes to the Chairman and members for their comments on the same. Minutes of meetings will be deemed final if neither the Chairman nor any SLC member submits an objection to, or a request to correct, the minutes within one (1) week from the date of receiving the same. A copy of the approved minutes of meeting will be deposited with the General Secretariat.

## **Functions of the SLC**

### **Article (6)**

- a. The SLC will have exclusive jurisdiction in the Emirate over all matters related to Legislation and international treaties and conventions, and will exclusively represent the Government and Government Entities with respect to federal legislation and international treaties and conventions. For these purposes, the SLC may, as it deems appropriate, seek the assistance of representatives from Government Entities, experts, or specialists to perform or participate in performing these duties.
- b. To achieve the objectives of this Resolution, the SLC will have the duties and powers to:
  1. discuss and approve the general policy for the legislation sector, and the SLC strategic plan which aims to regulate its work and enable it to achieve its objectives, submit these to the Executive Council for final approval, and follow up their implementation;
  2. review the plans and programmes required for the implementation of the general legislative policy and strategic objectives of the Emirate;
  3. consider and revise, in terms of form and content, all draft regulatory Legislation proposed by the Government and by Government Entities, ensure they do not contradict the Legislation in force, ensure that legislative provisions are simple, applicable, and aligned with the strategic plan of the Emirate, provide relevant opinion and advice, and prepare or approve draft Legislation;
  4. submit proposals and recommendations with respect to the amendments and updates that must be made, from time to time, to the Legislation in force in the Emirate to ensure that Legislation is in line with the latest developments and updates, and meets the requirements of development programmes in all areas;
  5. form technical committees comprised of legal staff and specialists employed by Government Entities or by other entities to consider Legislation and other related matters;



6. represent the Emirate in committees formed to consider or draft federal legislation;
  7. issue bylaws and explanatory memoranda for the local Legislation in force in the Emirate;
  8. issue and publish reasoned legal opinions with respect to the interpretation of the provisions of the Legislation in force in the Emirate;
  9. provide legal opinion and advice with respect to inquiries submitted to the SLC by the Government or by Government Entities in relation to legislative provisions;
  10. issue regulations to monitor compliance of Government Entities with the Legislation in force, follow up implementation of Legislation by Government Entities, prepare periodic reports on the same, and submit copies of these reports to the Chairman of the Executive Council;
  11. in coordination with concerned Government Entities, represent the Emirate in committees formed to consider and negotiate conventions, treaties, or memoranda of understanding with foreign entities, and give legal opinion and advice on the same before acceding to, signing, or ratifying them;
  12. participate in the Sectoral Committees;
  13. coordinate the organisation of training programmes and courses with Government Entities to ensure the sound legal understanding and proper implementation of the Legislation in force in the Emirate;
  14. publish the Official Gazette of the Government and manage its website;
  15. translate into foreign languages the Legislation which the SLC deems necessary or useful to be translated;
  16. maintain the original copies of all Legislation issued by the Ruler;
  17. compile, maintain, and archive all Legislation issued by the Government or by Government Entities in the Emirate;
  18. approve the procedures required to establish effective communication and consultation channels with Government Entities concerned with revising Legislation; and
  19. perform any other duties related to the work of the SLC assigned by the Ruler or the Chairman of the Executive Council.
- c. The SLC may delegate any of its powers stipulated in this Resolution to sub-committees, technical committees, or work teams formed by the SLC.

**Procedures for Issuing Local Legislation**  
**Article (7)**

- a. When a Government Entity proposes issuing Legislation, the following procedures must apply:
1. The Government Entity prepares a preliminary study which includes a comprehensive policy for all matters and issues in respect of which the Government Entity proposes issuing the Legislation. The study must be prepared in accordance with the relevant forms and standards approved by the SLC and must contain the main elements and substantive provisions related to the draft Legislation.
  2. The Government Entity presents the policy to the SLC to consider and assess it in coordination with the representative of the concerned Sectoral Committee, in order to admit and initially approve the policy, or make any comments on the same.
  3. Upon initial approval of the policy, the Government Entity prepares and drafts the approved policy in the form of Legislation, and submits the draft Legislation together with the approved policy and all relevant documents to the SLC within no later than two (2) weeks from the date of the initial approval.
  4. The SLC considers the draft Legislation, including all suggestions and provisions, from a technical perspective, makes any amendments it deems appropriate in consultation and coordination with the Government Entity that has submitted it, and ensures that the draft Legislation does not contradict the legislation and legal principles in force in the UAE and that it meets legal drafting standards.
  5. The SLC refers the draft Legislation to concerned Government Entities to provide their comments within a period prescribed by the SLC. These Government Entities must cooperate with the SLC to reach an agreement on a draft of the Legislation.
  6. Upon approval by the SLC of the final draft of the Legislation, it refers it to the concerned Sectoral Committee for consideration, and then takes the actions required for the final approval and issuance of the Legislation by the competent authority.
- b. The SLC may approve detailed procedures regarding local draft Legislation or modify the procedures mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Article pursuant to resolutions and instructions issued by the SLC.
- c. The SLC may specify the types of Legislation that require compliance with the procedures stipulated in paragraph (a) of this Article, and may regulate the procedures related to the same.

## **Requirements for Submission of Draft Legislation to the SLC**

### **Article (8)**

- a. When a Government Entity submits a draft Legislation to the SLC in accordance with Article (7) of this Resolution, the Government Entity must provide the following on the relevant forms approved by the SLC:
  1. a copy of initial approval by the SLC which approves the policy submitted by the Government Entity and authorises the preparation of the relevant draft Legislation;
  2. a memorandum indicating the grounds for preparing the draft Legislation;
  3. in the event of amending Legislation, a comparative study indicating the proposed amendments to the current provisions of the Legislation and the issues that have resulted from these provisions which require making necessary amendments or adding new provisions to avoid future issues;
  4. a study of the best practices related to the draft Legislation from a comparative law perspective;
  5. evidence that the draft Legislation has been reviewed by and in coordination with the relevant Government Entities, and statement of the comments on the draft Legislation by these Government Entities, and the reasons for not adopting these comments where applicable; and
  6. any other data specified and deemed required by the SLC to enable it to efficiently review draft Legislation.
- b. Where a Government Entity fails to meet the requirements mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Article, the SLC may suspend consideration of the draft Legislation until the Government Entity meets any unfulfilled requirements.

## **Procedures for Considering Draft Federal Legislation**

### **Article (9)**

- a. When the SLC receives a draft federal legislation from a federal government entity:
  1. The SLC refers the draft federal legislation to the concerned Government Entities, including the concerned Sectoral Committee, to provide their comments on the relevant forms approved by the SLC. These Government Entities must cooperate with the SLC and provide it with their comments within the period prescribed by the SLC.
  2. The SLC considers the comments received from Government Entities, records them in its approved forms, and responds to the federal government entity with the Government's comments on the draft federal legislation.

3. The SLC nominates one of its members to serve as a member to the competent federal government committee responsible for reviewing draft federal legislation.
  4. The General Secretariat follows up all stages of the draft federal legislation stipulated by the Constitution to ensure that Government comments on draft legislation are taken into account.
- b. The SLC may approve detailed procedures regarding federal draft legislation or modify the procedures mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Article pursuant to resolutions and instructions issued by the SLC.

### **Procedures for Considering International Treaties and Conventions**

#### **Article (10)**

- a. When the SLC receives an international treaty or convention from a Government Entity or a competent federal government authority, the following will apply:
1. Where the international treaty or convention is approved by the competent federal government authority, the General Secretariat will complete the procedures required for submitting the draft federal decree ratifying or approving the international treaty or convention to the Ruler for approval, and will provide the concerned Government Entities with a copy of the international treaty or convention to act in pursuance of, and comply with, its provisions.
  2. Where the international treaty or convention is submitted to the Government by the competent federal government authority for review and comments, the same procedures stipulated in Article (9) of this Resolution as well as any other procedures deemed appropriate by the SLC will apply to the international treaty or convention.
- b. The SLC may approve detailed procedures for considering international treaties and conventions or modify the procedures mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Article pursuant to resolutions and instructions issued by the SLC.

### **Cooperation with the SLC**

#### **Article (11)**

All Government Entities must fully cooperate with the SLC and provide it with all documents, data, information, statistics, and studies required by the SLC and deemed necessary for the performance of its duties.



**Periodic Reports**  
**Article (12)**

The SLC will submit periodic reports to the Chairman of the Executive Council on the outcomes of its work, activities, and accomplishments, the obstacles encountered by it, and the solutions and proposals recommended by the SLC.

**Duties of the Chairman and SLC Members**  
**Article (13)**

The Chairman and SLC members must seek to achieve the objectives of the SLC and serve the public interest of the Government.

**Functions of the Chairman**  
**Article (14)**

The Chairman will have the duties and powers to:

1. preside over and manage meetings in a manner that ensures effective contribution of members through providing their opinions, suggestions, and recommendations on matters referred to them;
2. supervise performance by SLC members of their duties, and establish effective communication between the SLC members and concerned parties outside the SLC;
3. assign to SLC members any work within the scope of performing the duties of the SLC;
4. set the SLC performance indicators in agreement with the Executive Council, and follow up the SLC performance appraisal;
5. submit periodic reports to the Chairman of the Executive Council on the SLC activities and work outcomes;
6. send invitations to attend ordinary and extraordinary meetings, and approve meeting agendas; and
7. perform any other duties assigned by the Chairman of the Executive Council.

**Duties of SLC Members**  
**Article (15)**

An SLC member must:

1. not be absent from meetings without prior permission or valid reason;

2. efficiently participate in considering the recommendations, suggestions, initiatives, plans, policies, and strategies referred to the SLC, and discuss and provide impartial and unbiased opinions on all matters referred to the SLC;
3. submit periodic reports to the Chairman on any duties assigned by the Chairman;
4. efficiently participate in SLC meetings through providing the data and necessary support needed by the SLC based on his experience; and
5. perform any other duties assigned by the Chairman or the Chairman of the Executive Council.

**SLC Vice Chairman  
Article (16)**

The vice chairman will perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chairman where his post falls vacant or he is absent for any reason.

**Attending Meetings  
Article (17)**

- a. Each SLC member must attend SLC meetings and efficiently participate in considering the matters listed in their agendas. Based on valid reasons, an SLC member may send his apologies in writing to the Chairman for not being able to attend any SLC meeting.
- b. Where an SLC member fails to attend more than three (3) consecutive meetings without a valid reason, or is absent for five (5) non-consecutive meetings within a year, the Chairman may submit a report on the case to the Chairman of the Executive Council to make the appropriate decision against that member.

**SLC General Secretariat  
Article (18)**

- a. The SLC will have a General Secretariat which provides technical and administrative support services to enable the SLC to perform its duties and exercise its powers, and provides the information, data, and studies required by the SLC.
- b. The Secretary General will be appointed pursuant to a resolution issued by the Chairman of the Executive Council, and will have the duties and powers assigned to him by the Chairman of the Executive Council or pursuant to the resolutions and instructions issued by the SLC.
- c. The Secretary General will be a member and rapporteur of the SLC.

- d. The Secretary General will supervise the work of the General Secretariat employees. The SLC will determine the functions and organisational structure of the General Secretariat, and will issue the bylaws and regulations organising the administrative, financial, and technical work, including the employment regulations.
- e. The General Secretariat will have an administrative and technical body of employees appointed by the Chairman. The above-mentioned Government of Dubai Human Resources Management Law will apply to the General Secretariat employees until the employment regulations referred to in paragraph (d) of this Article are approved.

**Confidentiality**  
**Article (19)**

- a. The Chairman and SLC members, including General Secretariat employees, must not, during or after their term of membership in the SLC, disclose or divulge any written or verbal information which is confidential in nature or pursuant to Legislation in force, unless they obtain a prior relevant permission from the competent authority. They must not, in particular:
  - 1. copy, retrieve, transfer, or disclose any information, facts, or documents to which they have access in the course of their duties;
  - 2. use the information to which they have access in the course of their duties for unauthorised purposes;
  - 3. misuse the information they obtain as a result of their membership in the SLC or work with the General Secretariat; or
  - 4. allow any unauthorised person to access information or documents related to their work.
- b. Upon forfeiture, termination, or expiry of membership of the Chairman or an SLC member, he must return all documents, papers, files, materials, tapes, discs, software, or any other SLC property in his possession, whether or not these include confidential information.
- c. For purposes of implementation of this Article, the Chairman, SLC members, Secretary General, and technical and administrative body of employees must sign the confidentiality and non-disclosure undertaking approved by the SLC.

**Financial Resources of the SLC**  
**Article (20)**

The financial resources of the SLC will consist of:

- 1. the support allocated to the SLC in the general budget of the Emirate; and

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2. any other resources approved by the Chairman of the Executive Council.

### **Transitional Provisions**

#### **Article (21)**

- a. During the period specified in Article (4) of the above-mentioned Decree No. (23) of 2014, the LAD must process, revise, and prepare all draft legislation referred to it by the effective date of the above-mentioned Decree, including all matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the SLC. The LAD must transfer all draft legislation, at their current state, and all matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the SLC, before expiry of the period prescribed in the above-mentioned Decree.
- b. The SLC may, as it deems appropriate, transfer to the employment of the General Secretariat any legal or administrative employees of the LAD, and these employees will retain their existing rights. The LAD must transfer the employees specified by the SLC to enable it to perform its duties.

### **Obligations of Government Entities**

#### **Article (22)**

- a. Government Entities must provide the SLC with all their regulatory Legislation in force, no later than three (3) months from the date on which this Resolution comes into force.
- b. Government Entities must provide the SLC with all regulatory Legislation they issue, no later than one (1) month from the date on which such Legislation comes into force.
- c. The SLC may publish regulatory Legislation, as it deems appropriate, in the Government Official Gazette.

### **Repeals**

#### **Article (23)**

Any provision in any other resolution will be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Resolution.

### **Issuing Implementing Resolutions**

#### **Article (24)**

The Chairman will issue the resolutions and instructions required for the implementation of the provisions of this Resolution.



**Commencement and Publication**  
**Article (25)**

This Resolution comes into force on the day on which it is issued, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

**Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**

**Crown Prince of Dubai**

**Chairman of the Executive Council**

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