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the most gracious,  
the most merciful

## **Statute of the National Cybersecurity Authority**

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## Artical 1

In this Statute, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context otherwise requires:

**NCA:** The National Cybersecurity Authority.

**Statute:** Statute of the National Cybersecurity Authority.

**Cybersecurity:** The protection of networks, information technology systems, and operational technology systems, including hardware and software, services provided thereby, and data included therein, against hacking, disruption, modification, unauthorized access, and unlawful exploitation or use. Cybersecurity includes information security, electronic security, digital security, and the like.

**Board:** NCA's board of directors.

**Centers:** Centers referred to in Article 5 (1) of this Statute.

## Artical 2

- 1 The NCA shall have a public legal personality and financial and administrative independence, and shall report to the King.
- 2 The NCA shall be headquartered in the city of Riyadh and it may, pursuant to a Board decision, establish branches and offices within the Kingdom and abroad.

## Artical 3

The NCA is the competent authority nationally in charge of cybersecurity in the Kingdom, And the national reference in its affairs. It aims at strengthening cybersecurity to safeguard the State's vital interests, national security, critical infrastructures, priority sectors, and government services and activities. However, without prejudice to the NCA's competences powers and duties provided for in this Statute, public and private entities and any other entity shall not be relieved from their responsibility towards their own cybersecurity.

## Article 4

The NCA's powers and duties shall include the following:

- 1 Drafting the national strategy for cybersecurity, supervising its implementation, and proposing updates thereto.
- 2 Setting cybersecurity-related policies, governance mechanisms, frameworks, rules, standards, and directives; disseminating the same to relevant agencies; monitoring compliance therewith; and updating them.
- 3 Identifying and classifying critical infrastructures as well as the agencies related thereto, and identifying priority sectors.
- 4 Setting and updating the frameworks for cybersecurity-related risk management and monitoring compliance therewith.
- 5 Notifying relevant agencies of cybersecurity risks and threats.
- 6 Setting and updating frameworks for responding to cybersecurity incidents and monitoring compliance therewith.
- 7 Establishing, supervising, and operating national cybersecurity operation centers, and the like, of all kinds, including centers for command, control, reconnaissance, detecting, monitoring information exchange and analysis; sectoral cybersecurity operation centers, as necessary; and establishing, supervising, and operating relevant platforms.
- 8 Conducting, on its own or through others, cybersecurity activities and operations.
- 9 Regulating and supervising the sharing of cybersecurity-related information and data between various agencies and sectors in the Kingdom.
- 10 Providing support to relevant agencies, upon request and in accordance with the NCA's available resources, during the investigation of cybersecurity crimes.
- 11 Setting and updating national encryption policies and standards and monitoring compliance therewith.
- 12 Setting and updating standards for licensing the import, export, and use of highly sensitive cybersecurity hardware and software specified by the NCA and monitoring compliance therewith, without prejudice to the standards or requirements of other relevant agencies.

- 13 Building national capacities in cybersecurity, participating in the preparation of educational and training programs, setting professional standards and frameworks, and developing and implementing relevant professional standardized tests and measurements.
- 14 Licensing individuals and non-government agencies to engage in cybersecurity activities and operations specified by the NCA.
- 15 Establishing ties with counterpart agencies abroad and private entities to exchange expertise and establish frameworks for cooperation and partnership, in accordance with applicable procedures.
- 16 Exchanging technological and knowledge production as well as data and information with counterpart agencies abroad.
- 17 Representing the Kingdom in relevant regional and international organizations, agencies, and bilateral committees and groups as well as monitoring the Kingdom's compliance with its international cybersecurity obligations.
- 18 Raising cybersecurity awareness.
- 19 Stimulating the growth of the cybersecurity sector in the Kingdom and encouraging innovation and investment therein.
- 20 Conducting research and development studies, carrying out manufacturing processes, and transferring and developing technology in cybersecurity and related fields.
- 21 Proposing mechanisms to optimize spending pertaining to cybersecurity.
- 22 Developing key performance indicators relating to cybersecurity and preparing periodic reports on the state of cybersecurity in the Kingdom at the national and sectoral levels.
- 23 Proposing cybersecurity laws, regulations, and decisions as well as amendments thereto.

## Article 5

The NCA may employ all the means necessary to achieve its objectives, including the following:

- 1 Establishing Centers to carry out some of its powers and duties and determining the necessary means and procedures; specifying their affiliation with the NCA; and

determining their financial and administrative affairs, including granting all, or some, of such Centers administrative and financial independence.

- 2 Seeking the assistance of others to carry out all or part of the cybersecurity activities entrusted thereto.
- 3 Seeking the assistance of employees of public agencies or private entities and determining their remuneration, as well as seeking the assistance of consulting firms within the Kingdom and abroad.
- 4 Forming teams from public agencies and private entities to carry out tasks related to the NCA's activities.
- 5 Providing consultations and services related to cybersecurity.
- 6 Organizing workshops, symposia, conferences, and exhibitions within the Kingdom and abroad, in accordance with applicable procedures.
- 7 Organizing and offering training programs and courses related to the NCA's activities. Organizing campaigns, awareness programs, and competitions and issuing
- 8 magazines, periodicals, books, booklets, manuals, and pamphlets related to the NCA's activities.
- Investing the NCA's assets and funds.
- 9 Establishing companies or participating in the establishment thereof, or joining
- 10 companies as a partner or shareholder, within the Kingdom and abroad, in accordance with applicable statutory procedures.

## Article 6

The NCA's board shall be formed of a chairman, appointed pursuant to a royal order, and the membership of the Head of the Presidency of State Security, Head of the General Intelligence Presidency, Vice-Minister of Interior, Assistant Minister of Defense, and the NCA's Governor.

## Article 7

The Board shall be the supreme authority of the NCA and the Centers. It shall be in charge of their management and the conduct of their affairs, and shall oversee their activities, the exercise of their powers, and the implementation of their duties as

stipulated in this Statute. For these purposes, it shall take the decisions and measures necessary to achieve their objectives, particularly the following:

- 1 Approving the National Strategy for Cybersecurity, and any amendments thereto, prior to submission thereof.
- 2 Adopting the NCA's policies, procedures, frameworks, standards, rules, guidelines, and key performance indicators.
- 3 Approving the classification of critical infrastructures as well as agencies related thereto, and identifying priority sectors.
- 4 Approving the establishment of the Centers referred to in Article 5 (1) of this Statute, their organizational affiliation with the NCA, their financial and administrative arrangements, and the means to carry out their powers and duties.
- 5 Approving the establishment of national cybersecurity operation centers, and similar centers, as well as the establishment of sectoral cybersecurity operation centers and relevant platforms.
- 6 Approving periodic reports on the state of cybersecurity in the Kingdom at the national and sectoral levels, and taking necessary action thereon.
- 7 Approving the NCA's formation of teams which comprise members from public agencies and private entities, specifying their tasks, determining the remuneration of their members, and overseeing the performance of their activities.
- 8 Approving policies and rules for investing the NCA's assets and funds.
- 9 Approving the organizational structures of the NCA and the Centers as well as related guides.
- 10 Issuing the internal regulations of the NCA and the Centers, including employment, administrative, and financial regulations.
- 11 Approving salary scales of employees of the NCA and the Centers and the salary scales of experts and specialists, as well as the remunerations of persons providing assistance thereto.
- 12 Determining fees for services and consultations rendered by the NCA and the Centers.
- 13 Appointing an external auditor for the NCA and the Centers from among accredited auditors in the Kingdom and determining his fees.



- 14 Appointing a comptroller for the NCA and the Centers.
- 15 Approving the NCA's annual budget, final accounts, and annual report, as well as auditor's report, prior to submission to the King.
- 16 Approving the budget, final accounts, and auditors' report of Centers with separate budgets, as well as reviewing their annual reports, and taking necessary action thereon.
- 17 Reviewing the periodic reports on the work progress and financial status of the NCA and the Centers.
- 18 Accepting grants, gifts, aids, donations, bequests, and endowments presented to the NCA and the Centers, in accordance with applicable provisions.
- 19 Forming standing or ad hoc committees at the NCA or the Centers from among Board members or others to carry out certain tasks. The formation decision of each committee shall designate its chairman and members and determine its powers. A committee may seek the assistance of non- members in carrying out the tasks entrusted thereto, unless the Board decides otherwise.

The Board may, pursuant to a decision issued thereby, delegate some of its powers to its chairman or any of its members, or to any employee of the NCA or the Centers. It may also delegate the powers relating to the Centers to their boards of directors, formed pursuant to a decision issued by the Board, or delegate some of such powers to the chairmen of the boards of directors, if any, or to any of their employees.

## Article 8

- 1 The Board shall, in each fiscal year, convene at least twice upon a call by the Chairman.
- 2 Board meetings shall be valid only if attended by the majority of its members, including the Chairman or his designee. Board decisions shall be passed by the majority vote of attending members. In case of a tie, the meeting chairman shall have the casting vote.
- 3 The Board may invite non-members to attend its meetings in a non-voting capacity.
- 4 Board deliberations and decisions shall be entered into the meeting minutes.
- 5 The Board shall have a secretary named by the Chairman. The Chairman shall determine his tasks and remuneration.

## Artical 9

- 1 The NCA shall have a governor appointed at the rank of Minister, pursuant to a royal order upon a recommendation by the Chairman. The Board shall determine his powers and duties.
- 2 Each Center shall have an executive director whose appointment and dismissal shall be pursuant to a Board decision. The Board shall determine his powers, remuneration, and other financial benefits.

## Artical 10

The relevant agencies shall:

- 1 facilitate the NCA's performance of its duties;
- 2 promptly notify the NCA of any actual or potential breach, risk, or threat to their cybersecurity;
- 3 comply with the NCA's policies, governance rules, frameworks, and standards; fully cooperate in any cybersecurity investigation or assessment carried out by the NCA; and
- 4 provide the NCA with documents, information, data, and reports necessary for carrying out its duties, and facilitate the inspection of their devices, networks, systems, and software.

## Artical 11

- 1 The NCA shall have a separate annual budget.
- 2 The NCA shall receive annual subsidies for critical cybersecurity incidents to disburse from in accordance with Board instructions.
- 3 The Centers shall have sub-budgets allocated within the NCA's annual budget, and may, as determined by the Board, have other types of budgets. However, Centers with financial independence, referred to in Article 5 (1) of this Statute, shall have a separate budget.
- 4 The fiscal year of the NCA and the Centers shall be the same as the State's fiscal year. As an exception, the first fiscal year of the NCA and the Centers shall commence on the date this Statute enters into force and end on the date the State's following fiscal year ends.

## Artical 12

- 1 The financial resources of the NCA and the Centers shall be as follows:
  - a) Allocations from the State.
  - b) Fees for services rendered by the NCA and the Centers.
  - c) Grants, gifts, aids, donations, bequests, and endowments accepted by the Board.
  - d) Any other resource approved by the Board not inconsistent with the laws and instructions.
- 2 The funds of the NCA and the Centers with budgets not separate from the Authority's budget shall be deposited in an account opened with the Saudi Central Bank. The NCA and the Centers may open other accounts with banks licensed to operate in the Kingdom. Disbursement from such accounts shall be made in accordance with the financial regulations approved by the Board or decisions issued by it.
- 3 Funds of Centers with budgets separate from the NCA's budget shall be deposited in separate accounts opened with the Saudi Central Bank. Such Centers may open other accounts with banks licensed to operate in the Kingdom. Disbursement from such accounts shall be made in accordance with the financial regulations approved by the Board or decisions issued it.

## Artical 13

- 1 The Board shall appoint an external auditor, or more, licensed to practice in the Kingdom to audit the accounts, transactions, financial statements, annual budgets, and final accounts of the NCA and the Centers.
- 2 The auditor's reports shall be presented to the Board for completion of necessary procedures.

## Artical 14

The employees of the NCA and the Centers shall be subject to the Labor Law and Social Insurance Law.

## Artical 15

This Statute shall enter into force on the date of its approval and shall repeal all provisions conflicting therewith.

