

# **Federal Law No. (2) of 1971**

## **Concerning the Union Flag**

**We, Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan,**

**President of United Arab Emirates,**

– After reviewing articles (5), (47/2), (54/4), (58), (110/4) of the provisional Constitution of the United Arab Emirates,

– And after reviewing the Federal Resolution No. (4) of 1971 on the flag

And based on the approval of the Council of Ministers and the ratification of the Federal Supreme Council,

**Enacted the following Law:**

### **Article (1)**

The flag of the United Arab Emirates shall have the following form, size and colors:

Rectangle in which its length is double its width, divided into four rectangular sections, the first one is red which forms the flag side near the flag pole which its length is which the flag width which equals quarter of the flag length; the other three sections form the rest of the flag, they are horizontal, equal and parallel, the higher one is green; the medium is until and the lower is black.

### **Article (2)**

Subject to the provisions of Article (1) of this Law, the approved specification related to the Union's Flag, its pole, rules of raising it, and the conditions of printing, distributing, and using it shall be determined pursuant to a Cabinet Resolution.

### **Article (3)**

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty stipulated in any other law, whoever publicly, in public venues, or places available for public, commits any of the following shall be punished with imprisonment for a period of not less than (10) ten years and not exceeding

(25) twenty-five years, and a fine not less than (500,000) five hundred thousand dirhams:

1. Drops, damages, or offends the Union's Flag in any manner.
2. Drops, damages, or offends – in any manner – the flag of any the Emirates members of the Union, the flag of the Cooperative Council for Gulf Arab States, or the flag of any of the other states.

Clause (1) of this Article shall be considered as a crime against the State's security.

### **Article (4)**

This law shall be promulgated in the official gazette and shall be in effect as of date of issuance thereof.

**Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan**  
**President of the United Arab Emirates.**

**Issued in President Palace in Abu Dhabi:**

Dated: 4 Dhu al-Qi'dah 1391 H.

Corresponding to: 21 December 1971 AD.