

**Cabinet Resolution No. (97) of 2023**  
**Regulating the Relationship between the State's Diplomatic Missions**  
**Abroad and the Technical Attachés**

**The Cabinet:**

- Upon reviewing the Constitution; and
- Federal Law No. (1) of 1972, Concerning the Jurisdictions of Ministries and Powers of Ministers, as amended; and
- Federal Decree-Law No. (8) of 2022, on the Regulation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, as amended; and
- Cabinet Resolution No. (7) of 1979, Concerning the Regulation of Technical Attachés in Diplomatic Missions Abroad; and
- Cabinet Resolution No. (14) of 2010, Regulating the Relationship between the State's Diplomatic Missions Abroad and Their Technical Attachés; and
- Based on the proposal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers,

**Has resolved:**

**Article (1)**

**Definitions**

In the application of the provisions of this Resolution, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings indicated opposite each of them unless the context requires otherwise:

<b>State</b>	: United Arab Emiartes.
<b>Ministry</b>	: Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
<b>Minister</b>	: Minister of Foreign Affairs.
<b>Diplomatic Missions</b>	: Embassies, consulates, and representative offices of the State in foreign countries, as well as the permanent

delegations of the State to regional and international organizations, bodies, and agencies.

**Technical Attaché Office** : The office affiliated with one of the federal entities in the State, accredited at another country or international organization to carry out economic, commercial, educational, cultural, media, labour, military, security, health work, or issues that relate to air transport and others.

**Technical Attaché** : An official of the federal entity who is assigned to the diplomatic mission in military, technical, cultural, health, commercial, labour, and other fields.

**Local Employee** : Any employee who is locally appointed to work in the technical attaché office in one of the approved positions thereof.

## **Article (2)**

### **Enforcement Scope of the Resolution**

Provisions of this Resolution shall apply to technical attaché offices.

## **Article (3)**

### **Establishment of Technical Attaché Office**

The Technical Attaché Office shall be established by a resolution of the Minister based on a proposal of the federal entity wishing to create the office. The Technical Attaché Office and all its staff shall be considered a part of the diplomatic mission.

## **Article (4)**

### **Appointment**

1. The technical attaché and his assistants shall be appointed by a decision of the competent authority in each entity to which the technical attaché office belongs. Such appointment

shall be in accordance with the procedures relevant to such entity and upon coordination with the Ministry.

2. Local employees in the technical attaché offices shall be appointed in accordance with the procedures, decisions, and contracts applicable in the diplomatic missions.
3. Subject to a decision from the competent authority in each entity, a technical attaché may be appointed as a non-resident attaché.
4. The local entity in the member emirates may appoint an employee in the technical attaché office under its authority to carry out tasks assigned to such employee by that local entity. This shall be upon coordination with the relevant federal entity and the Ministry.

## **Article (5)**

### **Supervision of the Technical Attaché Office**

The head of the diplomatic mission or his deputy shall be responsible for supervising the activities of the Technical Attaché Office. The technical attaché and all employees in the Technical Attaché Office shall adhere to the decisions, instructions, and directives issued by the head of the diplomatic mission, without prejudice to the right of the entity to which the office belongs in the State to direct and communicate with the technical attachés.

## **Article (6)**

### **Controls for the Work of the Technical Attaché Office**

1. The Office shall adhere to the working hours and official holidays of the diplomatic mission.
2. The Office shall inform the diplomatic mission of any cases filed by or against the Technical Attaché Office or any of its staff.
3. The technical attaché shall inform the head of the diplomatic mission about important matters that relate to his work and the communications of the Technical Attaché Office with the official entities in the country or organization where he is accredited, such as consultations, official communications, negotiations regarding agreements, bilateral negotiations, holding meetings, visits of officials, and other important matters.

4. The technical attaché and all employees in the Technical Attaché Office shall adhere to the code of conduct for members of the diplomatic and consular corps while performing their duties abroad.
5. All members of the Technical Attaché Office shall comply with protocol rules while participating in ceremonies or official events in the country or organization in which they are accredited.
6. The technical attaché shall be accountable to the head of the diplomatic mission for the tasks of the Technical Attaché Office and its relations in the country or the organization where the Technical Attaché Office is accredited.
7. The Technical Attaché Office shall achieve the objectives for which it was established.
8. The technical attaché shall be responsible for submitting periodic reports to the head of the diplomatic mission regarding the activities conducted by the Technical Attaché Office.

## **Article (7)**

### **Properties and Assets of the Technical Attaché Offices**

The Technical Attaché Offices shall adhere to the controls for renting or purchasing properties as follows:

1. Selecting the property in accordance with the instructions issued by the Ministry.
2. Signing the lease contract and fulfilling the obligations stated therein.
3. Following up and completing the purchasing procedures in accordance with the applicable legislation in the State.
4. Registering the property upon purchase in the name of the diplomatic mission and indicating the beneficiary entity in the title deed.

## **Article (8)**

### **Cooperation and Support Between the Diplomatic Mission and the Technical Attaché Office**

The diplomatic mission shall cooperate with the Technical Attaché Offices and provide them with support by mutual agreement upon obtaining the necessary approvals from the entity to which the Office belongs and the Ministry.

## **Article (9)**

### **Financial and Administrative Procedures**

1. The Technical Attaché Office shall be financially independent of the diplomatic mission and shall follow its financial and administrative procedures and human resources regulations according to the by-law of the entity to which it belongs. The Technical Attaché Office shall bear the operational expenses and relevant costs from its budget, and the technical attaché or his delegate shall manage and oversee the necessary accounting procedures.
2. The Technical Attaché Office shall adhere to the contracting and financial procedures applicable in the diplomatic mission regarding local employees.
3. The diplomatic missions and the Technical Attaché Offices shall share the costs of implementing joint engineering projects, such as divisions, finishes, furnishings, and others, as well as the costs of operation and maintenance in the light of the use of the diplomatic mission's premises.

## **Article (10)**

### **Financial and Administrative Implications**

The Technical Attaché Office or the entity to which it belongs shall bear all financial and administrative implications arising from:

1. The termination of the Technical Attaché Office and any related contractual or other obligations.

2. Any lawsuits filed against the Technical Attaché Office or initiated by it, as well as lawsuits filed against the diplomatic mission due to the actions of the Technical Attaché Office.

## **Article (11)**

### **Security and Protection of Diplomatic Missions**

1. The Ministry shall be responsible for implementing projects relevant to the security and protection of diplomatic missions in the countries where the Technical Attaché Offices are located.
2. The beneficiary diplomatic missions and the Technical Attaché Offices shall share the costs of the projects of security and protection as well as the costs of its operational maintenance.
3. The Ministry of Defence shall be responsible for implementing security projects for the benefit of diplomatic missions in the countries where the military attaché office and other missions are located, in accordance with the regulatory resolutions applicable to such countries.
4. The relevant authorities in the State shall be responsible for auditing technical matters relevant to the security and protection of diplomatic missions.

## **Article (12)**

### **Performing the Duties of the Technical Attaché**

In case of the absence of the technical attaché or his assistants, the entity to which the Technical Attaché Office belongs shall coordinate with the Ministry regarding the assignment of a member of the diplomatic mission, in addition to his regular duties, to perform the tasks of the technical attaché. The entity shall bear all costs associated with this assignment. If the entity wishes to assign one of its personnel to perform the duties of the technical attaché during his absence, coordination with the Ministry shall be conducted in this regard, and a resolution shall be issued by the Minister in all cases.

## **Article (13)**

### **Repeals**

1. Cabinet Resolution No. (7) of 1979 Regarding the Regulation of Technical Attachés in Diplomatic Missions Abroad shall be repealed.
2. Cabinet Resolution No. (14) of 2010 Regarding the Regulation of the Relationship between the State's Diplomatic Missions Abroad and Their Technical Attachés shall be repealed.
3. Any provision that violates or contradicts the provisions of this Resolution shall be repealed.

## **Article (14)**

### **Publication and Enforcement**

This Resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force as of the day following the date of its publication.

**Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum**

**Prime Minister**

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