

**Kurdistan Regional Government – Iraq**  
**Council of Ministers**  
**Council Secretariat**

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**Official Order**

*Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of Article 121 and relevant Paragraphs and Articles of the permanent Constitution of Federal Iraq, with reference to Article 22 of the Kurdistan Regional Government Council of Ministers Law No. 1 of 15 June 2006, we have decided the following...*

First – The Department of Foreign Relations is a Department that falls under of the Premiership of the Council of Ministers of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, and performs the duties outlined below:

A – Strengthening the position of the Kurdistan Regional Government with foreign countries in the fields of politics, culture, social affairs, economy, and development, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Iraq.

B – Supervising the Kurdistan Regional Government’s overseas offices and endeavoring to strengthen KRG relations, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Iraq.

C – Facilitating the missions of foreign representatives within the Kurdistan Region, and endeavoring to promote the Region’s bilateral relations, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Iraq.

D – Supervising the visits of foreign delegations to the Kurdistan Region by providing assistance with accommodation and agendas, and coordinating with relevant KRG authorities and also with the Federal Government of Iraq.

E – Ratifying and authenticating documents and powers of attorney for citizens of the Region, as well as such documents belonging to members of our diaspora overseas that have been approved by KRG representatives abroad or Federal Iraqi Government Consulates or Embassies, for use within the Kurdistan Region, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Iraq.

F – Ensuring that the Kurdistan Regional Government’s message reaches the outside world through the Kurdistan Regional Government’s official website and by strengthening ties with effective foreign media.

G – Coordinating with United Nations Agencies and international organizations in the Kurdistan Region whose nature of work requires such coordination with the Department of Foreign Relations.

H – Cooperating and coordinating with relevant institutions and authorities at the Kurdistan Region level, and functioning as a focal point with the objective of cementing institutionalization.

I – Cooperating and coordinating with international companies and foreign investors in order to stimulate economic activity and enhance investment in the Region.

J – Organizing KRG relations and contact with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Iraq, through the office of the Head of the Department of Foreign Relations, to ensure KRG participation in international events and activities.

Second – The department consists of the following directorates:

1. Directorate of International Relations in the Region: An official with at least a bachelor's degree leads this directorate, and supervises the bilateral affairs of the Kurdistan Regional Government with foreign countries, and also organizes all fields of KRG coordination with foreign representatives posted in the Kurdistan Region.

This directorate consists of two sections:

- A) Foreign Relations Section
- B) Foreign Representation Offices in the Kurdistan Region Section

2. Directorate of KRG Offices Abroad: An official with at least a bachelor's degree leads this directorate, and organizes and coordinates relations between the KRG representatives abroad and the various KRG departments and ministries in the Region. He/She also supervises the activities of KRG foreign representatives abroad in the fields of culture, social affairs, and development.

This directorate consists of two sections:

- A) Cultural Section
- B) Development Section

3. Directorate of International Organizations: An official with at least a bachelor's degree leads this directorate, and supervises affairs with the United Nations and international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and endeavors to strengthen and develop KRG relations with international organizations and United Nations Agencies.

This directorate consists of two sections:

- A) International Organizations Section
- B) United Nations Agencies Section

4. Directorate of Protocol and Delegations: An official with at least a bachelor's degree leads this directorate, and oversees the affairs of foreign delegations invited to the Region by the KRG, including the preparation of itineraries and the provision of necessary logistical arrangements.

This directorate consists of three sections:

- A) Protocol Section
- B) Translation/Interpretation Section
- C) Logistics Section

5. Directorate of Legal Affairs: An official with at least a bachelor's degree in the field of law leads this directorate, and supervises legal affairs and the ratification of documents and powers of attorney for citizens and expatriates, inasmuch as they are related to the Kurdistan Region, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Iraq.

This directorate consists of two sections:

- A) Legal Affairs Section
- B) Documentation Section

6. Directorate of Media and Communications: An official with at least a bachelor's degree leads this directorate, and ensures that the KRG message is transmitted to the international community, supervises the KRG website and media affairs, and also extends necessary assistance and facilitation to foreign journalists.

This directorate consists of two sections:

- A) Public Relations Section
- B) KRG Website Section

7. Directorate of Administration and Finance: An official with at least a bachelor's degree leads this directorate, and supervises and organizes the administrative, financial, auditing, personnel, and related services within the Department.

This directorate consists of three sections:

- A) Administrative Section
- B) Financial Section
- C) Auditing Section

*Signed by*

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