

# Law No. 5 of 1998 on the Dissolution of the Ministry of Information and Culture and the Redistribution of its Functions 5 / 1998

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We, Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar,  
 Having perused the amended Provisional Constitution, particularly Articles 23, 31, 34 and 51 thereof;  
 The Public Civil Posts Law promulgated by Decree-Law No. 9 of 1967, and its amending laws;  
 Law No. 5 of 1970 specifying the ministers' powers and identifying the ministries and other governmental bodies and their functions, and its amending laws;  
 Law No. 14 of 1972 establishing the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Ministry of Information;  
 Decree-Law No. 20 of 1990 regulating the Ministry of Information and Culture and specifying its functions;  
 Law No. 13 of 1993 regulating the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and specifying its terms of reference;  
 Law No. 11 of 1997 establishing Qatar Radio and Television General Authority;  
 Emiri Order No. 4 of 1996 on the formation of the Council of Ministers, as amended by Emiri Order No. 1 of 1998;  
 Council of Ministers Resolution No. 3 of 1993 amending the regulation of certain administrative units that comprise the Ministry of Information and Culture;  
 Council of Ministers Resolution No. 20 of 1996 issued at its regular meeting regarding the dissolution of the Ministry of Information and Culture;  
 The bill submitted by the Council of Ministers;  
 And after seeking the opinion of the Shura Council;  
 Hereby promulgate the following Law:

## Articles

### Article 1

The Ministry of Information and Culture shall be dissolved and its functions redistributed as set forth in this Law.

### Article 2

Qatar News Agency and the Publication and Foreign Media Department shall each be added and affiliated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### Article 3

A public body called the "National Council for Culture, Arts and Heritage" shall be established and shall include the Culture and Arts Department, the Public Libraries Department, and the Museums and Antiquities Department.

### Article 4

The Council of Ministers shall pass a resolution determining the entities to which the Control Department shall be affiliated, and to which the employees and workers of this department shall be transferred with their same rank and financial status.

Until such resolution has been passed, the said department shall continue to execute its terms of reference. It shall be temporarily entitled to the necessary financial credits within the budget of the Ministry of Civil Service and Housing Affairs.

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## Article 5

The entities indicated in Articles 2 and 3 of this Law shall execute the same terms of reference to which they were entitled by virtue of Decree-Law No. 20 of 1990 referred to above. The employees and workers of these entities shall be transferred thereto with their same rank and financial status.

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## Article 6

The Ministry of Civil Service and Housing Affairs shall be responsible for resolving the status of the rest of the employees and workers of the Ministry of Information and Culture. Until such resolution issued, such employees and workers shall be transferred to the Ministry of Civil Service and Housing Affairs with their same rank and financial status.

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## Article 7

Decree-Law No. 20 of 1990 referred to above, shall be repealed and any provision that may contravene the provisions of this Law shall also be repealed.

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## Article 8

All competent authorities, each within their jurisdiction, shall enforce this Law from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.