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We, Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar,
After perusal of the Amended Provisional Constitution, particularly Articles 22, 23, 34 and 51 thereof;
Law No. 2 of 1962 regulating the general financial policy of Qatar, as amended by Decree-Law No. 19 of 1996
Law No. 5 of 1989 on the state budget,
Law No. 4 of 1995 on the Audit Bureau, as amended,
Decree-Law No. 37 of 2002 establishing the Supreme Educational Council and defining its functions,
The draft Law submitted by the Council of Ministers;
Having taken the opinion of the Shura Council,
Hereby promulgate the following law:

الفصل الأول

إنشاء الأكاديمية وأهدافها

Article 1 (Amended By Decree 39/2004)

An educational and sports institution called the "Aspire Academy for Sports Excellence" (hereinafter "the Academy") shall be established and shall have a legal personality and a budget annexed to the State's general budget

Article 2

The Academy shall be directly under the authority of the Heir Apparent and its seat shall be in Doha city.

Article 3

The Academy shall aim at providing training and education to students with sports talent in a high-level learning and sporting environment in order to prepare athletes that are well trained at educational, practical and academic levels in the various sports disciplines to meet the needs of Qatari society and to realize its aspirations in regional and international sports competition

Article 4

The Academy shall, in the course of achieving its objectives and within such regulations as it may prescribe:

1. Provide the best academic training programs for its students to achieve the highest level of sporting excellence;
2. Prepare the Academy's students educationally in a manner commensurate with their sporting excellence;
3. Provide students with social and health care;
4. Prepare athletes of various specialisations to compete at regional and international levels;
5. Create an athletic society that aims at sporting achievements at regional and international competitions;
6. Establish closer relationships and ties with Arab, regional and international academies, faculties and bodies exercising activities similar to those of the Academy.

الفصل الثاني

إدارة الأكاديمية

Article 5

The Academy shall be managed by a Board of Directors constituting a chairperson and no fewer than three (3) members whose appointment and remuneration shall be determined by an Emiri resolution. The Board shall choose a secretary and determine his competencies and financial remuneration.

Article 6

The tenure of membership of the Board shall be four (4) years, renewable for a similar period(s).

Article 7

The Board shall exercise all the necessary powers and competencies to manage the Academy's work, supervise its affairs and achieve its objectives, in particular the following:

1. Laying out the general policy of the Academy and supervising the implementation thereof;
2. Approving the Academy's plans, programs and projects and following up the implementation thereof;
3. Issuing the Academy's organisational structure;
4. Appointing the Academy's director and determining his financial remuneration;
5. Determining the categories of tuition and monthly remunerations and appropriations for students;
6. Approving the Academy's draft estimated annual budget and final account;
7. Undertaking all legal actions required for the proper conduct of the Academy's work;
8. Accepting contributions, grants, donations and legacies;

Issuing the Academy's internal academic, technical, organisational, administrative and financial bylaws as well as others necessary for the progress of work in the Academy. Such bylaws shall not be effective until after having been approved by the Emir

Article 8

The Board may form from among its members one or more committees to be entrusted with some of its competencies. The Board may seek the assistance of any advisory entity it deems fit.

Article 9

The Board shall convene at least once a month upon an invitation by its chairperson or whenever requested by a majority of its members. The invitation to attend the meeting shall be directed one week prior to the appointed date. In cases of urgency the said period may be disregarded.

Article 10

Board meetings shall not be valid unless attended by at least two thirds of its members, of whom one is the chairperson. The Board's resolutions shall be passed by majority votes of members present. Where there is a deadlock, the chairperson shall have a casting vote. No deputation in attendance or voting shall be allowed

Article 11

The minutes of meetings and resolutions of the Board shall be recorded in a special register which shall be signed by the chairperson and attending members

Article 12

The Board may invite to its meetings Academy staff members or others with particular expertise and competence to assist it where necessary. However, such invitees shall have no right to vote.

Article 13

The Board may form permanent or temporary committees to assist it in studying the issues brought before it. The Board may include in the membership of such committees members from among the Academy's staff and those from outside.

Article 14

The chairperson of the Board, its members, and the Academy's staff shall have no direct or indirect personal interest in contracts concluded with or for the Academy or in the projects it undertakes.

Article 15

The chairperson of the Board shall have signatory power on behalf of the Academy. The Board shall have the right to delegate such signatory power to any of its members in such affairs as may be determined by the Board, in accordance with the rules stipulated in the Academy's internal bylaws.

Article 16

The Academy's seal on its documents shall be deemed invalid unless accompanied by the signature of the director or his authorised delegate.

Article 17

The Academy may establish an advisory council appointed by the Board from among competent and experienced persons in athletics and education to provide academic and technical advice.

Article 18

The Academy's director shall represent it before the judiciary and in its relations with third parties.

Article 19

The Academy's director shall undertake the disposal of the Academy's technical, administrative and financial affairs within the framework of its general policy, in accordance with the internal bylaws, regulations, rules and plans laid out by the Board and within the limits of the annual budget. The Director may, in particular, undertake the following:

1. Proposing the Academy's plans, programs and projects;
2. Proposing the internal technical, regulatory, administrative, financial and other bylaws regulating the Academy's business;
3. Implementing the Board's resolutions;
4. Preparing the Academy's draft estimated annual budget and supervising the preparation of its final account;
5. Preparing an annual report on the Academy's activities and achievements in light of the established plans and objectives, and submitting the said report to the Board at the end of each fiscal year.

Article 20

The internal bylaws shall determine admission procedures and conditions at the Academy, the duration of study, the curricula, the Academy's internal statutes, the study schedule, the examination system, and graduation qualifications.

2. The said bylaws shall also determine all matters regulating staff and student affairs and any other study and training requirements at the Academy.

Article 21

The Academy may agree with similar academies or colleges that are experienced in both athletics and education to conduct the following:

1. Contributing to laying out the plans, requirements, and study and training curricula for specialities taught by the Academy, and designed to suit local conditions while meeting the conditions of equivalence with the graduation certificate standards of similar academies and colleges;
2. Providing advice and contributing expertise to ensure the development of the Academy's curricula and facilities in order to keep pace with technical developments and link curricula with job market requirements;
3. Participating in the Board's meetings in an advisory capacity.

الفصل الثالث

النظام المالي للأكاديمية

Article 22

The financial resources of the Academy shall be composed of:

1. Financial appropriations allocated to the Academy in the State's budget;
2. Academy revenues derived from its activities;
3. Contributions, grants, donations and legacies.

Article 23

The Academy shall have an estimated annual budget, which shall be prepared in accordance with rules determined by the internal bylaws. The Academy shall have a private account in a national bank for the deposit of its funds.

Article 24

The Academy's fiscal year shall start on the first day of April and close on the last day of March of each year, provided that the Academy's first

fiscal year shall start from the date of entry into force of this Law and end on the last day of March of the following year.

Article 25

At the end of each fiscal year the Board shall prepare a report to be submitted to the Emir concerning the Academy's activities and its financial status during the fiscal year. The report shall also include the Board's proposals and recommendations.

Article 26

The State's Audit Bureau shall undertake the audit of the Academy's accounts

الفصل الرابع

أحكام عامة وختامية

Article 27

The Emir may at any time request the Academy to submit reports about its technical, organisational, administrative or financial condition, or about any aspect of its activities or any information generally pertaining to the Academy.

Article 28

The Emir may issue to the Academy's Board general directives on what the Academy needs to adopt in matters pertaining to its general policy.

Article 29

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