

Code of Conduct for Members of the Senate

Article (1): This code is called the Code of Conduct for Members of the Senate, and it is enacted by the Council.

Article (2): This code is considered complementary to the internal system and any other legislative obligations.

Article (3): Objectives: This code aims to assist the Senate members in loyalty to the legislative authority, reduce the obstacles to parliamentary responsibility, and enhance the effectiveness of the legislative process. However, it does not aim to regulate personal conduct, as this reflects on the dignity and reputation of the Council, and this is achieved through:

- A) Enhancing the effectiveness of the Council's legislative oversight.
- B) Raising the level of competence and effectiveness of parliamentary opinions to achieve the stated goals.
- C) Strengthening the team spirit within the Senate to enhance collective opinions and constructive dialogue.
- D) Clarifying the expected responsibilities and standards of conduct while considering the Senate members' opinions and public responsibilities.
- E) Increasing openness and communication among members and various stakeholders, and addressing their aspirations and concerns, and strengthening the bonds of trust and credibility in dealings.
- F) Enhancing the culture of transparency and respecting differing opinions through practices based on good governance principles.

Article (4): General Duties:

The beginning is based on the following obligations that I see before any parliamentary work:

- A) Absolute loyalty to the king and the homeland, and maintaining the integrity of the state, and serving the public interest, and not neglecting the entrusted duties.
- B) Commitment to the principle of the rule of law and respecting all applicable legislative regulations and their provisions.
- C) Serving the interests of the citizens without discrimination, and adopting positions that reflect the interests of the original citizens on the constitutional level, which enhances the democratic process.
- D) Raising awareness of the national and international issues concerning any financial and regional matters.
- E) Practicing internal accountability without discrimination, and addressing any issues related to corruption and sectarianism.
- F) Respecting the dignity of individuals and institutions.
- G) Commitment to the principles of integrity and transparency, and loyalty and seriousness in the opinions of the parliament.

H) Emphasizing the establishment of relationships based on mutual respect between the parliament and the government, and organizing these relationships through public accountability.

Article (5): General Principles:

The parliament is committed to the following behavioral principles during the exercise of its parliamentary duties and general responsibilities:

A) Public interest:

B) Prioritizing the public interest over any private, personal, or sectoral interests when making decisions and voting on legislation, and not using the parliamentary position to gain any financial or material benefits, for oneself or for others.

C) Integrity and accountability:

D) The parliament should not place itself in any situation that compromises its commitment, whether financial or non-financial, to any party or foreign organization, and should have no direct or indirect relationship with any.

Person and Sales or Consideration

This includes opinions and the integrity of the heart of the nation.

: It is necessary to refrain from behaviors that lead some to access the public and to recommend any services or actions, and for them to adhere to the standards of integrity.

: It is necessary to adhere to the following standards of accuracy and credibility, and to respect the opinions of others, and to refrain from personal attacks, intimidation, provocation, or insults.

: It is necessary to strive to clarify the reasons and foundations upon which the assessments and interventions are based, and to ensure that any objective topic is subject to accountability regarding parliamentary opinions, in all forms and contexts.

: It is necessary to ensure that the activities conducted during the parliamentary practice are consistent with the annual cycle.

Article (6): Code of conduct:

It is necessary to adhere to the following specific rules:

A) Commitment to public interest in parliamentary conduct.

B) The following qualities of transparency, honesty, and clarity with members of the council and the executive authority regarding any activity or relationship with any organization or entity that a member enjoys or is committed to a financial relationship with.

C) Adherence to the confidentiality of information that is obtained during the parliamentary activities and discussions.

D) Not to accept or solicit any promise or compensation for supporting or opposing any legislation, or for conducting any other parliamentary activity.

E) Not to engage in any activity that may harm the public interests or the interests of the state.

Article (7): Organizing Participation in Council Activities and Presence in Its Premises.

It is required for the member:

1. To attend council meetings; any absence must be justified, and any notification regarding the council must be in accordance with the internal regulations.
2. To attend the meetings of the committees in which they participate; any absence for a specific reason must be notified to the committee.
3. To not be absent more than three times without justification from the meetings of any of the committees in which they participate.
4. To disclose any conflict of interest that arises when participating in the council or its committees, if the subject matter relates to a personal interest, directly or indirectly.
5. To contribute to the overall efficiency of public service through the use of the administrative, human, and logistical services provided by the council to enable the member to perform parliamentary duties, and not to use them for personal interests.
6. The council's body must maintain the integrity of the council and its members during their presence to comply with public ethics.
7. Any type of misconduct towards the council or its members is prohibited, and any such behavior must also be prevented if the regulations allow for such conduct.

Article (8): Disclosure and Announcement of Interests.

It is required for the eye:

- A) To comply with the requirements for disclosing financial liabilities and any other legal obligations.
- B) During the period of any session, to fill out the form prepared by the council, which includes the following information:
1. The eye's membership in the council, if any.
 2. Companies, associations, and entities in which the eye has any interest, whether the interest is executive or through membership in their councils.
 3. Contractual relationships and services provided by the eye to financial, regional, and international institutions.
- C) To notify the council of any changes or updates that may occur regarding the information mentioned in paragraph (B) during the period exceeding the session.
- D) To notify the council in writing of any interests, direct or indirect, related to the subject of the session.
- E) To notify the committee and/or committees in writing of any interests, direct or indirect, related to the subject of the committee.
- F) Not to accept any gifts exceeding the value of (500) riyals, whether in cash or in kind, unless they are symbolic gifts received during official visits.
- G) To notify the council of any special invitations to events, meetings, and seminars.

Article (9): Mechanism for Submitting Violations and Complaints:

A) The president is responsible for accepting the submission of violations and complaints to the official announcement and refers them to the council office.

B) Communications are handled by the council office unless the president decides otherwise.

C) The council office has the authority to call for the higher authority regarding the matter, and it is not permissible to discuss it in front of the committees for the purpose of clarification.

D) It is prohibited to discuss the complaints or the penalties before the council office.

E) Any acceptance of the complaint is submitted to the council office for the purpose of referral, and the president is informed of the penalties mentioned in Article (10) of this code, as well as the related notifications.

F) The related notifications are to be submitted to the president for consideration by the council office.

G) The president is to be informed of the notifications related to the council, and then he refers the complaint to the council office for the necessary action regarding the related request, and the president reviews the matter.

H) The council is not allowed to issue any decision regarding the previous reading, or to amend the penalties, unless the recommendation is submitted to the president for that purpose, and it is recommended to be submitted to this authority without delay and without any obstacles regarding the related notifications.

Article (10): Penalties:

8. A fine (not exceeding 500 of the allocated amount for the first time), and if the violation is repeated, the amount is doubled.

B) The recommendation for any of the penalties stipulated in Article (48) of this regulation shall be submitted to the Council for approval.

Article (11) :The President and the Council Office shall oversee the implementation of this code.