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Article One: Definitions
First: The governorate: Kurdistan Region Governorates of Iraq
Second: The High Committee: High Committee of Combating Violence against Women and Family
Third: The Head: The head of the High Committee
Fourth: The Deputy: The deputy head

Article Two:
In each governorate, a high Committee is formed called "The High Committee of Combating Violence against Women and Family" and it is working non-for profit voluntarily.

Article Three:
The high Committee will aim at:
1. Combating violence against women and domestic violence at the governorate.
2. Spreading awareness among the citizens on the danger of domestic violence and violence against women in all its forms.
3. Working on strengthening family ties on the basis of understanding and dialogue between the family members so that they can play a significant role in the society.

Article Four:
First: The High Committee will consist of the following at the governorate level:
1. The governor The Head
2. The president of one of the public universities The Deputy
3. Head of Court of Appeal Member
4. The head of public prosecution Member
5. A representative of high council of women affairs Member
6. The president of one of the private universities (if found) Member
7. District manager of the central governorate Member
8. General Director of Social Care Member
9. One of the provincial council members (chosen by the council) Member
10. General Director of Health Member
11. General Director of Education Member
12. General Director of Awqaf Member
13. General Director of Culture Member
14. Head of Police Member
15. Director of Tracing Violence against Women Member
16. Director of Labor and Social insurance Member
17. Director of Juvenile Prison Member
18. Director of Census Member

Second: The high Committee can add any member, if the majority agreed, from Civil Society Organizations, Syndicates, Universities, concerned governmental institutions as per their own request.

Third: The high Committee can call upon any expert of combating violence against women and domestic violence to attend the meetings for counseling and consultations.

Article Five:

First: The high Committee meetings are held every 30 days

Second: The high Committee can hold exceptional meetings to discuss any emergency cases of women and family at the governorate level upon the request of the head, or the representative of high council of women affairs or director of tracing violence against women.

Third: The decisions of the high Committee are taken by the agreement of the majority of its members
Article Six:
First: in each district, a subcommittee of combating violence against women and family is formed that consists of the following:

1. District Manager head
2. Director of Tracing violence against women member
3. The judge of the court member
4. The head of police member
5. The director of social care (if found) member
6. The director of Awqaf member
7. The director of Education member
8. The director of Culture and youth member

The Committee can add any member, if the majority agreed, from Civil Society Organizations, Syndicates, Universities, concerned governmental institutions as per their own request.

Article Seven: The Functions of the High Committee and Subcommittees
First: The high council will have the following functions

1. Coordination and cooperation with the high council of women affairs and the general directorate of tracing violence against women and other concerned departments and assisting them in performing the activities related with combating violence against women and family and implement the national strategy for combating violence against women.
2. Developing mechanisms and plans related with combating violence against women and family in the governorate.
3. Following up issues related to violence against women and family in all governmental departments and other agencies.
4. Holding conferences, seminars and workshops related with combating violence against women.
5. Issuing quarterly reports about the reality of violence against women in the governorate and sending copies of them to the high council of women affairs.
6. Putting a budget for the high committee and submitted to the governorate

**Second:** The subcommittee will have the following functions
1. Combating violence against women and family at the district in accordance with the mechanisms prepared by the high committee and executing its orders.
2. Submitting suggestions and recommendations to the high committee

**Article Eight:** The subcommittees formed from the members of the high committee are:

**First:** Legal Committee  
**Second:** research and statistics committee  
**Third:** Culture and media committee  
**Fourth:** relations committee  
**Fifth:** Financial and Administration committee

**Article Nine:** Part of governorate budget will be allocated to the high committee

**Article Ten:** This by-law will be valid from the day it is approved by the prime minister

**Article Eleven:** The high committee has to develop mechanisms to facilitate the implementation of this by-law

**Article Twelve:** No other legal texts or by-laws are implemented

**Article Thirteen:** This by-law will be published in Kurdistan Gazette

Signed  
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The Prime Minister