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High Committee of Combating Violence
Against Women And Family In Kurdistan
Region Governorates of Iraq

**Kurdistan Regional Government
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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:

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| 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:

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| 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