

**TECHNICAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE
OF THE WATER LAW IMPLEMENTATION DECREES AND DECISIONS**

Whereas the Water Law No. 192 of 22/10/2022 (“the Water Law”) has entrusted the Ministry of Energy and Water (“MoEW”) with the responsibility to recommend most of the implementation decrees and decisions that are listed in Appendix - A - herewith (“Implementation Instruments”);

Whereas many other ministries, Water Establishments, and other stakeholders are also entrusted with the prime or shared responsibility to develop and submit many Implementation Instruments, and in order to better plan, coordinate the drafting, follow-up and enactment of these instruments.

NOW THEREFORE, there shall be established, by decision of [the Minister of Energy and Water (the Minister”)] **or** [the Prime Minister], a technical drafting committee (“the Technical Drafting Committee” or “Committee”) under the following terms and conditions:

1 - MANDATE:

A - The Technical Drafting Committee shall plan, oversee, debate, and issue the drafts of the Implementation Instruments and follow-up on their formal enactment.

B - To that effect, the Committee shall discharge the following main activities:

- 1 – **Plan**, set the priorities and timetable for the drafting of the Implementation Instruments.
- 2 – **Oversee** the drafting of the Implementation Instruments done by the Legal Expert provided for in section 2 – C hereinafter.
- 3 – **Debate** the drafts and suggest modifications thereto and supervise its finalization.
- 4 – **Follow-up** on their formal presentation, discussion and enactment by the various competent authorities and administrations (e.g. Council of Ministers, Ministers, the National Water Institution, the Water Establishments).

2 - MEMBERSHIP:

The Committee shall be chaired by the representative of the Minister, formed by permanent core members, and assisted by a permanent legal drafting expert. The Committee may invite optional members, in addition to other technical experts, on need basis.

A - Core members: They are senior experts in the field of law and public administration representing the following main stakeholders of the Water Law:

- Two representatives of the MoEW, of which the Chair and the Vice-Chair, holding senior positions within the Ministry in addition to enjoying legal and administrative expertise.

- One representative and a substitute of each one of the four Water Establishments and the Litani River Authority, holding senior positions within the five above-mentioned institutions, in addition to enjoying legal and administrative expertise.

B - Optional Members: They are senior experts in the field of law and public administration representing the stakeholders of the Water Law (e.g. Ministries, LIBNOR). They will be necessarily invited to the Committee meetings convened for the oversight and debate of the Instruments concerning the administration which they represent. These representatives shall be appointed to the Committee by the heads of their respective administrations, upon the request of the [Minister] or [Prime Minister].

C - Legal Drafting Expert: specialized in the various legal aspects of the Water Law, appointed by the Minister upon the recommendation of the Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD). He shall draft the Implementation Instruments and modify them, as directed by the Committee and act also as the Rapporteur of the Committee.

D - Technical Experts: specialized in the various technical aspects of the water sector. They shall be selected and invited by the Committee on need basis, especially for the discussion of Implementation Instruments that require a particular technical or administrative knowledge and expertise.

3 - GOVERNANCE AND MEETINGS:

A - The Committee shall set its own internal rules of procedure as well as its own planning and timetable of meetings.

B - The Action Plan for the completion of all the Implementation Instruments and its tentative drafting completion timetable will be decided by the Committee during its first meeting and submitted to the Minister and other stakeholders for information.

C - All members of the Technical Committee shall [not receive any remuneration against their participation] or [receive attendance fees for their participation in meetings, in the amount of ----- per meeting].