

## **Decree of the Prime Minister**

**No.1537 of the year 2009**

**On**

**Formation of a National Committee for Crises/Disasters Management**

### **The Prime Minister,**

Having reviewed the Constitution/ Law No.53/1973 concerning the State's general budget, the Decree of the Minister of the Council of Ministers' Affairs/ and the Decree of the Minister of State for Administrative Development No.1/1992 on the establishment of the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center, and the financial regulations of the State's budget and accounts,

### **DECIDES**

#### **Article (I)**

A National Committee for Crises/Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction shall be formed within the Egyptian Council of Ministers and shall comprise the following dignitaries:

- Chairman of the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center.
- Head of Armed Forces Crises Center.
- Representatives of ministries, governorates and other entities' experts and specialist in areas of relevance to Crises/Disasters Management. Representatives shall be designated by chairpersons of such bodies and names of the same shall be notified to the committee.
- Representatives of the following authorities and bodies:
  - General Intelligence Service.
  - Suez Canal Authority.
  - Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics.
  - The National Center for Planning State Land Uses.
- Head of the Advisory Committee for Crises/Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Representatives of civil society, the Egyptian Red Crescent and representative of the private sector.

#### **Chairmanship:**

- Chairman of the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center shall assume head position of the Committee during both the pre- and post-disaster/ crisis stages.
- During the crisis, the minister concerned shall chair the Committee based on the type of the disaster/ crisis.
- The Committee shall, on regular basis and upon invitation of the Committee's chairperson, be called for convention.

## **Article (II)**

### **Objectives of the National Committee are as follows:**

- 1) To propose and develop national policies and frameworks of crises and disasters management and disaster risk reduction.
- 2) To Strengthen the technical and scientific capacity to develop and apply methodologies, studies and models to assess vulnerabilities to and the impact of geological, weather, water and climate-related hazards on it.
- 3) To enhance the use and provide advanced technology to strengthen crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction.
- 4) To promote and enhance cooperation among scientific communities and experts in the field of crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction.
- 5) To promote a national programme for providing easily understandable information on disaster risks and protection options, to all citizens.

## **Article (III)**

The committee shall put the national institutional framework into action in a compatible manner with the requirements of the International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction, namely:

1. Formulating national policies and frameworks concerned with crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction at the national level.
2. Developing mechanisms for the integration of risk reduction associated with existing climate variability and future climate change in the programmes and plans for the reduction of disaster risk and adaptation to climate change; and ensuring that the management of risks associated with the natural disasters, are included in these programmes and plans.
3. Preparing plans and programmes aiming at building the capacity of governorates/ localities toward enhancing their self capacities to respond to disasters.
4. Issuing the executive procedures related to each phases of crises/disasters management (Pre, during and post the crisis/ disaster).
5. Following up on the development of monitoring and early warning mechanisms in the field of crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction.
6. Developing a national program aimed at organizing societal and cultural awareness campaigns in the field of crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction.
7. Revising plans and programs of the competent ministries, governorates, and agencies responsible for preparing resilient plans and response to crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction.
8. Providing assistance and advice to the competent ministries, governorates and agencies in drafting their preparedness and response plans for crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction.
9. Developing the general framework of the national plan for training on crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction.

10. Reviewing and assessing training plans of different ministries and governorates on crises/ disasters management and disaster risk reduction.
11. Building an integrated national database related to crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction.
12. Assuming the roles and responsibilities of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction set out in the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and the priorities of Hyogo Framework for Action.
13. Developing the relations with the international and regional agencies and organizations concerned with crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction, and rescue activities. When necessary, consider accession/ endorsing/ ratification of international or regional conventions related to crises management and disaster risk reduction.

#### **Article (IV)**

A contact point shall be designated by all ministries, governorates, and the agencies concerned to provide and receive information to and from the National Committee. It shall also be responsible of implementation and follow up of plans and programmes to respond to disasters.

#### **Article (V)**

All ministries, governorates, and agencies concerned shall have to advise the technical secretariat of the National Committee of Crises/ Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction at the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center, of names of a well qualified representative capable of taking decisions in the committee's membership. In such a case, the crises/ disasters management and disaster risk reduction department shall fall under his direct supervision.

#### **Article (VI)**

All ministries, governorates, governmental agencies and public institutions shall be committed to submit their detailed plans of crises/disasters management and disaster risk reduction, proposed measures including early warning systems to face any disasters or potential crisis, and any possible amendments thereto, to the technical secretariat of the National Committee for Crises/ Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction at the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center in order to present it to the National Committee for Crises/ Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction for approval.

#### **Article (VII)**

The Crises/ Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction Sector at the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center, shall act as the technical secretariat for:

- The National Committee of Crises/ Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction.
- The Advisory Committee for Crises/ Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction.

### **Article (VIII)**

An Advisory Committee for Crises/ Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction shall be constituted and headed by the chairman of Crises/ Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction Sector at the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center. The Committee shall comprise a group of prominent experts and professionals specialized in multidisciplinary fields relevant to disasters/ crises Management and Disaster Risk Reduction. The Committee shall be constituted by virtue of a decree by the chairman of the National Committee of Crises/ Disasters Management and Disaster Risk Reduction and shall be reformed every three years.

### **Article (IX)**

The national Committee shall issue a decree determining the levels and mechanisms of actions coordinating system for crises/ disasters management, alerting system, and procedures of reporting in accordance with the size of the crisis/ disaster.

A Central Operational Room shall be set up at the Egyptian Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center.

### **Article (X)**

Financial appropriations needed for implementing provisions of such decree shall be allocated from the budget of the Egyptian Cabinet's General Secretariat, and that the Secretary General shall be the sole competent responsible for financial supervision on such appropriations.

### **Article (XI)**

All competent agencies shall implement this decree

Prime Minister  
Dr. Ahmed Nazif

Issued at the Council of Ministers on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jumada Al Akharah 1430 AH  
Corresponding to 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 AD