

GCC
327.11609536
SEC

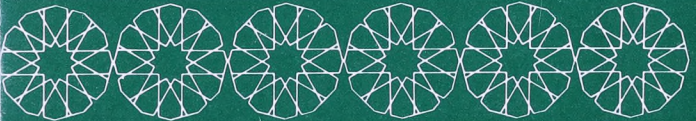
COOPERATION CONCIL FOR THE
STATES OF THE GULF

Secretariat General
Riyadh



THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL

« in brief »



11 JAN 1985

CENTRE FOR ARAB GULF STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

615705870
GCC
327.11609536
SEC

THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL « IN BRIEF »

The formation of the co-operation council :

On 29-3-1401 AH. corresponding 4th february 1981, the Foreign Ministers of the following countries met in Riyadh - in THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

1. THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.
2. THE STATE OF BAHRAIN.
3. THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.
4. THE SULTANATE OF OMAN.
5. THE STATE OF QATAR.
6. THE STATE OF KUWAIT.

At the end of their meeting the Foreign Ministers issued a concluding communique, stating their agreement to form a co-operation council for their states. On 21 Rajab 1401, AH. corresponding 25th May 1981, the Monarchs of the councils member states (from Abu Dhabi, Capital of the United Arab Emirates) announced the formation of the Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, and executed its charter.

THE COUNCIL'S SEAT

The council seat is in the city of Riyadh in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia :

THE CO-OPERATION COUNCIL'S MAIN ORGANIZATIONS :

The co-operation council comprises of the following main organizations :

a. THE SUPREME COUNCIL

The supreme council is formed of the heads of

member states. It convenes in one regular annual session, and makes strategic resolutions to direct the General Course of the Cooperation concil and set its general policies in the various fields.

The Commission for Settlement of disputes, is attached to the supreme council and it is not a major independent Organization.

a. THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

The Ministerial Council is formed of the Foreign Ministers of the member states or their delegates. It convenes every three months, and may hold extraordinary sessions on the invitation of any one member seconded by another.

The Ministerial council has eleven functions as provided in the charter « Article Twelve » including the appointment of assistants to the Secretary General after nomination of such assistants by the Secretary General; and including the initiation of such policies, recommendations, studies and projects as may enhance cooperation between the council's states.

a. THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL :

The secretariat general is composed of a Secretary General aided by Assistants to the Secretary General and such adequate personnel.

THE SECRETARIAT'S OPERATIONAL SECTORS :

1. THE SECRETARY GENERALS OFFICE :

Headed by H.E. the Secretary General Mr. Abdallah Yaqoub Bishara, who is aided by assistants to the Secretary General approved by the Ministerial council on the nomination of the Secretary General.

2. POLITICAL AFFAIRS SECTOR :

The sector deals with political and strategic matters concerning the member states. It also works towards tackling, in a frame work of uniformity, of political relations, security and information issues in the member states. The sector includes the following administrations.

- Arab Relations Department.
- International Relations Department.
- Security Affairs Department.
- Information Department.

3. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SECTOR :

This sector deals with economic and financial matters including, customs, transportation, oil, other sources of energy, industry, commerce, mining, agriculture and other water and livestock resources and as pertinent to the interests of the member states, through to their objectives in uniting member states efforts to attain coordination and the ultimate integration of the development plans of the Cooperation Council states.

The economic affairs sector includes the following departments :

- Economic and social planning department.
- Industry, electricity, desalination and technology department.
- Research Department.
- commerce Department.
- Public Works, Municipalities and Housing Department.
- Petrol and Gas Department.

4. MAN AND INVIROMENT SECTOR :

This sector deals with cultural educational, health, invironmental and tourism matters concerning the member states and includes the following departments :

- Human Resources.
- Education Department.
- Culture Department.
- Youth and Sports Department.
- Health Affairs Department.
- Social Affairs Department.
- Invironment Portection Department.

5. LEGAL AFFAIRS SECTOR :

This sector deals with law-making, and coordinating legislation activities in the member states. It is one of the secretariat's specialized sectors. It comprises of the following four main departments :

- The legislative and Legal Commissions Departments.
- Legislation and Research Department.
- Opinion and Cases Department.
- Treaties Department.

The functions and objectives of this sector include making studies, plans programmes and projects aimed at achieving uniformity of legislations and regulations of the member states; in addition to following up such activities in the member states; representing the secretariat general in legal matters, rendering legal advice to all the councils' organizations, and following-up the implementation, by the concerned organizations in member states, of such plans and programmes as resolved by the

council's various organizations in their pertinent areas.

6. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SECTOR :

Handles financial and administrative affairs, and includes the following departments :

- Personnel Department.
- Finance Department.
- Service Department.

7. INFORMATION CENTER

The information center looks after the compilation of government publications in the six member states, and is therefore considered to be the first of its kind in the Arab Gulf Region where government publications of the six states are available.

An Automated data retrieval system (DIALOGUE LOCK-HEED) is being used by the center.

In addition, a micro-film systems for storage and retrieval of data extracts from the Gulf dailies and periodicals shall also be introduced in the center.

SECRETARIAT GENERAL

THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB
STATES OF THE GULF

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Riyadh P.O.Box 7153

Cables : Telex : 203635 SJ. - Tel : 4768432

