

**Decision No. 33
dated 30/06/2020**

(Task Team for Supporting the Implementation of the Whistleblower Protection law)

The Minister of State for Administrative Reform,

Based on decree No. 6155 dated 21/1/2020 (Cabinet Formation),

Based on the Council of Minister's decision No. 1 dated 28/2/2020 and its amendments (on establishing a Ministerial Anti-Corruption Committee)

Based on the President of the Council of Minister's decision No. 157 dated 27/12/2011 and its amendments (on establishing a Technical Committee supporting the Ministerial Anti-Corruption Committee),

Based on Law No. 33 dated 16/10/2008 on Authorizing the Lebanese Government to accede to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)

Based on Law No. 83 dated 10/10/2008 related to Whistleblower Protection,

Based on the Council of Minister's decision No. 7 dated 12/5/2020 on approving the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and in the framework of its implementation,

Decides the following:

Article 1:

Paragraph A:

A task team is established from the members of the Technical Committee supporting the Ministerial Anti-Corruption Committee, as follows:

- Representative of the Ministry of Justice (President)
- Representative of the Ministry of State for Administrative Reform (Rapporteur)
- Representative of the Ministry of Finance (Member)
- Representative of the Discriminatory Public Prosecution (Member)

Paragraph B:

A representative of the National Anti-Corruption Institution shall be appointed upon its establishment.

Article 2: The task team shall be assigned for all tasks leading to the proper implementation of Law 83 dated 10/10/2018, especially, for example, the following tasks:

1. Developing a proposal for an effective detailed mechanism to receive and manage corruption statements and refer them to the competent authorities;
2. Following up on work and proposing necessary measures to open a special budget for the Ministry of Finance and activating it to use it to disburse rewards and assistance to whistleblowers;

3. Preparing and following up on the implementation of awareness, educational and training activities for citizens and the concerned authorities, including a specialized media campaign program aimed at explaining the law and encouraging citizens to provide information and available evidence.

Article 3: The task team shall convene on a monthly basis and when deemed necessary, and shall submit a progress report every three months to the Minister of State for Administrative Reform.

Article 4: The task team may invite any person, whose opinion is deemed necessary, from the relevant stakeholders from the administration and civil society, to participate in its meetings, for coordination and cooperation.

Article 5: The task team shall receive technical assistance from relevant regional and international organizations in accordance with the joint cooperation programs and the agreements concluded.

Article 6: Members are not entitled to receive any financial allowance for their work in the task team.

Article 7: The Ministry of State for Administrative Reform shall act as the secretariat of the task team.

Article 8: The duration of the task team is for one year and shall be automatically extended, unless decided otherwise.

Article 9: This decision shall be considered effective from the date of its issuance and shall be informed as it deems necessary.

**Minister of State for Administrative Reform
Demianos Kattar**