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**Legislative Decree No. (33) of 2011 amending some provisions of Legislative Decree No. (11) of 1975 regarding Passports**

We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Having reviewed the Constitution,

Law No. (11) of 1975 regarding Passports, as amended;

And upon the proposal of the Prime Minister;

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers,

**Hereby Decree the following Law:**

**Article One**

The texts of articles (7) and (9), Clauses (c, k) of Law No. (11) of 1975, as amended by Legislative Decree No. (51) of 2010 regarding Passports shall be replaced with the following text:

**Article (7):**

Diplomatic passports are granted to:

a - The King and his Successor Prince.

b- The Prime Minister.

c - The Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Forces and the Chief of the National Guard.

d - Ministers and persons of similar status.

e - Presidents of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.

f- Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Chief of Staff of the Bahrain Defence Forces, Chief of Public Security and Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

g - Members of Bahrain's diplomatic and consular corps and members of the Kingdom of Bahrain's missions to international organisations who serve as counterparts to members of the diplomatic corps.

h - Technical staff at all levels in diplomatic missions abroad.

i - Carriers of diplomatic bags.

j - Spouses and children up to the age of (21) and unmarried daughters for members of the categories mentioned in paragraphs (c, d, e, f, g) of this Article.

Article (9) Clause (c, k):

c- Judges, members of the Public Prosecution Service, members of the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission and members of the Military Justice of the Bahrain Defence Forces.

k- Spouses and children up to the age of (21) and unmarried daughters for members of the categories mentioned in paragraphs (a, b, c, g) of this Article.

**Article Two**

A new Clause (g) shall be added to Article (9) of Law No. (11) of 1975 regarding Passports, and the remaining Clauses of that Article shall be reordered:

g - Military personnel of each of the Bahrain Defence Forces, the Public Security Forces, the National Guard and the National Security Establishment of the rank of Brigadier General or above who are not eligible for diplomatic passports.

**Article Three**

The Prime Minister and the ministers– each within his jurisdiction– shall implement this Law, and it shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**King of Kingdom of Bahrain.**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

**Prime Minister**

**Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

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