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**Supreme Judicial Council**

**Decision No. (21) of 2020 amending Some Provisions of the Regulation on the Formation and Organization of the General Secretariat of the Supreme Judicial Council promulgated by Decision No. (13) of 2019**

Vice President of the Supreme Judicial Council:

Having reviewed the Judicial Authority Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (42) of 2002, as amended, and in particular Article (73 bis) thereof;

Civil Service Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (48) of 2010, as amended;

Implementing Regulation of the Civil Service Law promulgated by Legislative No. (48) of 2010, promulgated by Decision No. (51) of 2012, as amended;

And the Regulation on the Formation and Organization of the General Secretariat of the Supreme Judicial Council promulgated by Decision No. (13) of 2019;

And upon the submission of the Secretary-General of the Supreme Judicial Council,

**Hereby Decides:**

**Article one**

The text of Article (47), (seventh) clause, of the Regulation on the Formation and Organization of the General Secretariat of the Supreme Judicial Council, promulgated by Decision No. (13) of 2019, shall be replaced with the following text:

“Seventh: If the investigation committee recommends imposing the penalty of suspension from work with a deduction from salary or dismissal from service against the employee or the holder of a senior position, he shall be referred to the disciplinary council formed by a decision of the president, and the referral decision shall specify the actions attributed to the employee or the holder of the senior position”.

**Article Two**

A new paragraph (e) shall be added to Article (45) of the Regulation on the Formation and Organization of the General Secretariat of the Supreme Judicial Council promulgated by Decision No. (13) of 2019, with the following text:

“e) The employee may express his opinion through all means - during his employment period - provided that it does not touch on matters that provoke disputes in society, affect national unity or criticize the government's policies and decisions by any means."

**Article Three**

The Secretary-General of the Supreme Judicial Council and the concerned - each within his jurisdiction - shall implement the provisions of this Decision, and it shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Vice President of the Supreme Judicial Council**

**President of the Court of Cassation**

**Counsellor Abdullah bin Hassan Al-Buainain**

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