

Minister of Transport and Communications' Decision No. (14) of 2019

Naming the Head and Members of the Steering Committee of the Qatar Internet Exchange Point

Minister of Transport and Communications,

Having perused Emiri Decree No. (42) of the year 2014, establishing the Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA)

And Council of Ministers' Decision No. (9) of the year 1993 pertaining to regulating the work of common and specialized committees, and decisions amending it;

And Council of Ministers' Decision No. (6) of the year 2017 and amending the regulation of some administrative units that form the CRA in addition to determining their competencies;

And Council of Ministers' Decision No. (24) of 2018 to establish the Steering Committee for the Qatar Internet Exchange Point Project;

The following is decided:

Article (1)

The Chairman and members of the Steering Committee of the Qatar Internet Exchange Point Project are named in the Council of Ministers' Decision as follows:

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| 1- Mr. Abdullah Ahmad Jasmi | Representative of the CRA | Chairman |
| 2- Eng. Hamed Sadiq Al-Hashemi | Representative of the Ministry of Transport and Communications | Deputy Chairman |



3- Major/ Mahmoud SalahDesouqi Ibrahim	Representative of Ministry of Interior	Member
4- captain / Saleh Morshed Al-Mana'ie	Representative of Ministry of Interior	Member
5- Dr. Nora Fatees Al-Merri	Representative of Qatar University	Member
6- Mr. Mohamed Awad Al-Qariuti	Representative of Qatar National Library	Member
7- Mr. Thani Ali Al-Malki	Representative of Ooredoo	Member
8 - Mr. Mohamed Mohsen Aliafa'i	Representative of Vodafone Qatar	Member
9- Mr. Abdullah Al Ruwaili	Representative of GPI Co.	Member
10 – Eng. Ahmed Mohammed Al-Kawari	Representative of Meza Co.	Member
11 - Dr. Ahmed Salman Al-Sulaiti	Representative of Qatar National Broad Band Network Co. (QNBC)	Member
12- Dr. Amer Al-Sayegh	Representative of Supreme Committee for Projects and Legacy	Controller
13- Mr. Radwan Menhem	Representative of Ministry of education and Higher Education (Qatari National Research & Education Network [QNREN])	Controller
14- Dr. Ashraf Abul-Naja	Representative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Sciences and Community Development (Qatar Computer Research Institute)	Controller

Article (2)

Provisions of Council of Ministers' Decision No. (9) of 1993 shall apply to the remuneration of the Chairman and deputy Chairman of the Committee and its members.



Article (3)

The Committee shall assume the competences stipulated in above-mentioned Council of Ministers' Decision No. (24) of 2018.

Article (4)

All competent authorities, each in its own right, shall execute this decision which shall be effective upon date of its issuance.

Minister of Transport & Communications

(signature affixed)

Jassim Bin Seif Bin Ahmed Al-Sulaiti

Council of Ministers' Decision No. (24) of 2018
Establishing the Steering Committee of the Qatar Internet Exchange Point

Council of Ministers;

Having perused the Constitution;

And Communications Law issued by virtue of decree of law no. (34) of 2006, amended by law (17) of 2017;

And on Emiri Decree no. (29) of 1996 pertaining to the Council of Ministers' decisions which are submitted to the Emir for approval and issuance;

And the Emiri Decree No. 42 of 2014 establishing the Communication Regulatory Authority

And the proposal of the minister of transport and communication

The following is decided:

Article (1)

A Committee shall be established at the CRA named "The steering Committee for the Qatar Internet Exchange Point". The Committee shall be formed with the Chairmanship of the representative of the CRA, in addition to the deputy Chairmanship of a representative of the Ministry of Transport and Communication. This is in addition to the membership of two representatives of the Ministry of Interior and one of each of the following entities:

- 1- Qatar University;
- 2- The Qatar National Library;
- 3- Ooredoo Qatar;

- 4- Vodafone Qatar;
- 5- GPI Co.;
- 6- Meza Co.;
- 7- Qatar National Broad Band Network Co. (QNBC);
- 8- Representative of Supreme Committee for Projects and Legacy Controller;
- 9- Representative of Ministry of education and Higher Education (Qatari National Research & Education Network [QNREN]) Controller; and
- 10- Qatar Foundation for Education, Sciences and Community Development (Qatar Computer Research Institute) Controller.

Each entity shall choose those who shall represent it as member in the Committee. A decision by the Minister of Transport and Communications shall name the Chairman, Deputy-Chairman and members of the Committee.

The Secretariat of the Committee shall be occupied by one or more staff members of the CRA, the delegation of whom shall be determined, determine specialty and their rewards by a decree issued by the Minister of Transport and Communications.

Article (2)

The term of office of the Committee shall be three years, renewable for another period or other similar periods, by a decision of the Minister of Transport and Communications.

Article (3)

The aim of the Committee is to benefit from the infrastructure available in the country through which Internet service providers' systems work. This is in addition to internet-connected content delivery network automatically via self-control systems to invest them in the establishment of an Internet traffic exchange point in Qatar so as to improve the quality of access to the Qatari hosted content. The aim of the Committee is also to provide the cost of exchanging local visits through international links, in order to meet the market requirements of providing developed and innovative quality services and exchanging Internet points internally without having to send them outside the country.

In order to achieve its objectives, the Committee shall exercise all the necessary competences and powers, and shall:

- (1) Develop the technical plan for the establishment of the Qatar Internet Exchange Point System;
- (2) Management of the software system of the Qatar Internet Exchange Point System;
- (3) Follow up the progress of operation of the system and linking between the different stakeholders Interferers.
- (4) Any other competencies assigned to it by the Minister of Transport and Communication related to its objectives.

Article (4)

The Committee shall be convened following an invitation by its Chairman. This shall be once a month, all when needed. The meetings of the Committee shall not be valid except in the presence of the majority of its members, provided that this includes the Chairman, or his deputy. The decisions and recommendations of the Committee shall be issued by the majority of the present members of the Committee.

The meetings of the Committee shall take place outside fixed working hours, and some meetings may be held within official working hours, if necessary.

The Committee shall establish a system for its own work, including the place of its convening the dates of its meetings. This is in addition to rules necessary for the exercise of its responsibilities and the achievement of its objectives.

Article (5)

The committee is entitled to form from its members or from others of professionals and specialists sub-committees or work groups to study any of the subjects that fall within its competencies and submit a report accordingly.

Article (6)

The Committee may invite to attend its meetings those it considers as necessary to attend from the employees of ministries, other government agencies and public bodies and institutions, or other competent individuals and experts. These shall attend to provide the required advice, information, explanations, studies, etc. related to the objectives and liabilities of the Committee and participate in discussions without having the right to vote.

Article (7)

The Committee shall submit a report every three months on the results of its work, and whenever requested to the Minister of Transport and Communications. Such a report shall be accompanied with its proposals and recommendations.

Article (8)

Ministries, other governmental agencies, bodies, public institutions, and companies that the State has owned or contributed to has to provide the Committee with the necessary data and information for the performance of its functions and to cooperate with it in the field of its competencies.

Article (9)

All the concerned entities, each in its field of competency shall implement this decision which is effective as of date of its issuance and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Abdullah Bin Naser bin Khalifa Al Thani

Prime Minister

We approve of this decision and it shall be issued.

Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani

Emir of the State of Qatar

Executed on 09/04/1440

Corresponding to 16/12/2018