

Law No. 8 of 2005 Amending Certain Provisions of Law No. 21 of 1989 Regarding the Regulation of Marriage to Foreigners 8 / 2005

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We, Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar,
Having perused the Amended Provisional Constitution, in particular Articles 23, 34, and 51 thereof;
Law No. 21 of 1989 regulating marriage to foreign nationals, as amended by Law No. 11 of 1994,
Law No. 5 of 2003 on the establishment of the State Security Service,
Law No. 12 of 2003 on the establishment of the Internal Security Force,
Law No. 10 of 2004 on the establishment of the Military Intelligence,
The proposal of the Minister of Interior;
The draft law submitted by the Council of Ministers, and
Having consulted the Shura Council;
Hereby promulgate the following law:

Articles

Article 1

The texts of Article 1/ Item 3 and Article 8 of Law No. 21 of 1989, referred to above, shall be replaced with the following texts:

“Article 1/ Item 3

Subject to the approval of the Minister of Defence, the Minister of the Interior or the competent head of security, as the situation may require; officers, non-commissioned officers and members of the Armed Forces, Police and other security agencies, with the exception of the cases where the wife is of the categories in Article 3 (b) of the present Law.

Article 8

8-1. Applications for approval of marriages to foreign nationals or the endorsement thereof in accordance with the provisions of the present Law, shall be considered by a Commission formed of:

- a) Two representatives from the Ministry of Interior, one, a Chairman of the Commission and the other, a rapporteur of the Commission.
- b) One representative of the Ministry of Civil Service Affairs and Housing.
- c) One representative of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.
- d) One representative of the Ministry of Justice.
- e) One representative of the Supreme Council for Family Affairs.

8-2. The Council of Ministers may decide to amend the membership of the Commission.

8-3. Representatives mentioned in Article 8.1 shall be nominated by their respective bodies.

8-4. The Ministry of Interior shall be responsible for the appointment of the chairperson of the commission, members and the rapporteur. Furthermore the Ministry of Interior shall decide upon the Commission's functions and procedures.

8-5. All recommendations made by the Commission shall be submitted to the Minister of Interior for his/her final decision on the applications.”

Article 2

All concerned authorities, each within its competence, shall implement this legislation, which shall come into effect and published in the *Official Gazette*.

