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Decree  
(No. 29 dated 5/2/1416)

The Council Ministers,

Having perused documentary issued by the Chamber of Council of Ministers No. 3/1036/8 dated 8/12/1415 including the letter of His Excellency the Minister of Planning No. 1674/1 dated 15/7/1415, pertaining to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Sixth Development Plan for the period (1415-1420 A.H.), drawn up in conformity with the general objectives and strategic bases approved by the Council of Ministers and Promulgated by Decree No. (142) dated 19/11/1413;

And, having perused the Sixth Development Plan's general objectives and strategic bases (1415-1420) issued by the Council of Ministers' Resolution No. (142) dated 19/11/1413;

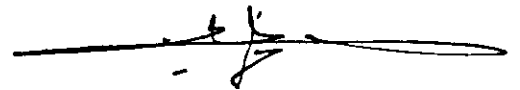
And, having perused the attached Sixth Development Plan (1415-1420);

And, having perused the Consultative (Shura) Council Resolution No. (35/31/15) dated 9/11/1415;

And, having perused the recommendation of the Council of Ministers General Committee No. 22 dated 19/11/1416;

Decree the following

- First:** The approval of the attached Sixth Development Plan (1415-1420);
- Second:** The implementation of the Plan in conformity with the decrees promulgated by the Council of Ministers in respect of the Previous Plans;
- Third:** Giving due consideration to the preparation of annual implementation programs that ensure the achievement of the objectives included in the Council of Ministers' Resolution No. (142) dated 19/11/1413.



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## **PREFACE**

Throughout history, civilizations and nations have been built on the solid foundations of a strong will, a resolute determination and an ability to translate ambitions into tangible achievements. The history of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has followed this same course, reflecting an undying and dedicated commitment to build a strong and developed state that can stand amongst the nations of the world, proud of its citizens and its record of achievements.

In our present era of rapid technological change and its associated challenges, science constitutes the primary force — second only to faith in Allah the Almighty — for realizing mankind's potential and aspirations for progress and advancement. In recognition of this fact and the dynamic nature of history, the leaders of this country have always been keen to embrace the benefits of modern scientific advances and ideas, commensurate with the teachings of the true faith of Islam and the customs and traditions of our society. Thus, it was with this goal that the process of development planning was initiated.

Over the course of five development plans, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has pursued a thoroughly studied path of comprehensive development planning for a rapid material and qualitative transformation that would place the nation amongst the most advanced and prosperous in the world. With this objective in mind, the Kingdom has successfully undergone a rich and fruitful experience that has greatly surpassed many expectations.

With the start of this Sixth Five-Year Plan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will have completed a quarter of a century of this development process and is ready to forge ahead with the next stage. These five-year phases of development do not represent sudden shifts or changes in direction, but are better seen as a continuing process guided by a comprehensive planning philosophy, constructed from the teachings of the true Islamic faith and with a time perspective that weaves together both an appreciation of the past and our aspirations for the future. Thus, the Kingdom's development planning philosophy is firmly based on principles for guiding its longer term development objectives, but which provide scope for each five-year plan to address the particular challenges of the period, both in terms of domestic socio-economic conditions and in dealings with the international community.

Over the past twenty-five years, the development plans have focused on the establishment of a solid infrastructural base, on the development of human resources and on the diversification of the economic base away from its dependence on a single natural resource, with the aim of forming a durable economic foundation with diversified resources. Future plans will stress the continuing commitment to these tasks by emphasizing, building upon and extending the developments already accomplished.

The Sixth Development Plan has been prepared against the background of international and local conditions that have been particularly notable. The most salient features on the international front have been the continued uncertainty over oil prices, the repercussions of world trade blocs and environmental issues; while the continued growth of population and the limits on government revenues have been the key domestic factors affecting expenditure on targeted development programs.

It is against this background that three major themes have been chosen for the Sixth Development Plan, namely, to develop and increase the employment opportunities of Saudi manpower, to raise the levels of economic efficiency in both government and private sectors, and to enhance the private sector's role in the national economy.

Towards these ends, the Plan features a set of policies and programs designed for the further development of human resources, through increasing the absorptive capacity of the universities and other education and training institutions. Specific targets have also been included to replace non-Saudi manpower with Saudi nationals in the government sector, while policies and incentives have been designed to encourage the private sector to provide more job opportunities for citizens.

The Plan also lays special emphasis on the need to place efficiency in the forefront of factors affecting the decisions of both the government and private sectors. Such decisions must increasingly be based on the proper analysis of real costs and benefits, so that their implementation will lead to the optimal utilization of available resources. A number of policies, institutional measures and incentives have been formulated for the achievement of this end.

In its endeavor to boost the private sector's role, the Sixth Development Plan envisages a number of options for organizational measures and policies designed to expand the private sector's range of activities and scope of operations. Such options include the transfer of ownership and management of some government-owned business activities to the private sector, measures to increase the scope for financing some government schemes through private capital, and a range of other possible and gradual privatization options that will suit prevailing conditions in the Kingdom.

Thus, the Sixth Plan is launched at a time of changing international and local conditions that pose a real challenge to the development process in the Kingdom. In this respect, it is the Saudi citizen who can be relied upon as the best asset to meet this challenge. Having succeeded in the past to overcome hardship in times of scarcity, and having reaped the fruits of prosperity and progress, the Saudi citizen is now better equipped to accommodate the impacts of international and domestic developments and to face the future with a determination and commitment to effective participation, so that the development process will continue to bear fruit in a more efficient and productive way.

Minister of Planning



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**SAUDI FISCAL AND HIJRA YEAR DATES  
AND GREGORIAN EQUIVALENTS**

<b>Saudi Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Starts on *</b>	<b>Gregorian Year</b>	<b>Hijra Year</b>	<b>Starts on *</b>
<b>Fifth Development Plan Period 1410/11 to 1414/15</b>				
1410/11	4 Jum. II 1410	1990	1410	2 Aug. 1989
1411/12	15 Jum. II 1411	1991	1411	23 July 1990
1412/13	25 Jum. II 1412	1992	1412	12 July 1991
1413/14	7 Rajab 1413	1993	1413	30 June 1992
1414/15	18 Rajab 1414	1994	1414	19 June 1993
<b>Sixth Development Plan Period 1415/16 to 1419/20</b>				
1415/16	29 Rajab 1415	1995	1415	10 June 1994
1416/17	10 Sha'ban 1416	1996	1416	30 May 1995
1417/18	21 Sha'ban 1417	1997	1417	19 May 1996
1418/19	2 Ramadhan 1418	1998	1418	8 May 1997
1419/20	13 Ramadhan 1419	1999	1419	27 April 1998
<b><u>Hijra Months</u></b>		<b><u>Gregorian Months</u></b>		
Muharram		January		
Safar		February		
Rabi I		March		
Rabi II		April		
Jumad I		May		
Jumad II		June		
Rajab		July		
Shaban		August		
Ramadhan		September		
Shawwal		October		
Dhul-Qi'dah		November		
Dhul-Hijjah		December		

★ Dates are approximate for future years



## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

billion	thousand million
CDS	Central Department of Statistics
CSB	Civil Service Bureau
DGMR	Directorate General for Mineral Resources
DMSA	Deputy Ministry of Social Affairs
DMSC	Deputy Ministry of Social Care
DMSS	Deputy Ministry of Social Security
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GOSI	General Organization for Social Insurance
GOTEVT	General Organization for Technical Education and Vocational Training
GPGE	General Presidency for Girls Education
GPYW	General Presidency for Youth Welfare
HIDA	Al-Hasa Irrigation and Drainage Authority
IPA	Institute of Public Administration
KAAU	King Abdul Aziz University
KACST	King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology
KFU	King Faisal University
KFUPM	King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals
KSU	King Saud University
Kwh	kilowatt hour
MEPA	Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration
MOAW	Ministry of Agriculture and Water
MOC	Ministry of Communications
MOE	Ministry of Education
MOH	Ministry of Health
MOI	Ministry of Information
MOLSA	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs
MOMRA	Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs
MOP	Ministry of Planning

MOPTT	Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones
MW	megawatt (1 million watts)
NCWCD	National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development
PCA	Presidency of Civil Aviation
PHC	Primary Health Center
PIF	Public Investment Fund
R&D	Research and development
REDF	Real Estate Development Fund
SAAB	Saudi Arabian Agricultural Bank
SABIC	Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation
SAMA	Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency
SAPTCO	Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company
SASO	Saudi Arabian Standards Organization
SAUDIA	Saudi Arabian Airlines Corporation
Saudi ARAMCO	Saudi Arabian Oil Company
SCIs	Specialized Credit Institutions
SGRRO	Saudi Arabian Railroad Organization
SIDF	Saudi Industrial Development Fund
SPA	Saudi Ports Authority
SR	Saudi riyals
SWCC	Saline Water Conversion Corporation

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