

Article 1 [Sovereignty, Territorial Integrity]

Kuwait is an Arab State, independent and fully sovereign. Neither its sovereignty nor any part of its territory may be relinquished. The people of Kuwait are a part of the Arab Nation.

Article 2 [State Religion]

The religion of the State is Islam, and the Islamic Shari'a shall be a main source of legislation.

Article 3 [Official Language]

The official language of the State is Arabic.

Article 4 [Monarchy]

(1) Kuwait is a hereditary Emirate, the succession to which shall be in the descendants of the late Mubarak al-Sabah.

(2) The Heir Apparent shall be designated within one year, at the latest, from the date of accession of the Emir.

(3) His designation shall be effected by an Emiri Order upon the nomination of the Emir and the approval of the National Assembly, which shall be signified by a majority vote of its members in a special sitting.

(4) In case no designation is achieved in accordance with the foregoing procedure, the Emir shall nominate at least three of the descendants of the late Mubarak al-Sabah of whom the National Assembly shall pledge allegiance to one as Heir Apparent.

(5) The Heir Apparent shall have attained his majority, be of sound mind, and a legitimate son of Muslim parents.

(6) A special law promulgated within one year from the date of coming into force of this Constitution shall lay down the other rules of succession in the Emirate. The said law shall be of a constitutional nature and therefore shall be capable of amendment only by the procedure prescribed for amendment of the Constitution.

Article 5 [State Symbols]

The flag, emblem, badges, decorations, and the National Anthem of the State shall be specified by law.

Article 6 [Democracy]

The System of Government in Kuwait shall be democratic, under which sovereignty resides in the people, the source of all powers. Sovereignty shall be exercised in the manner specified in this Constitution.