

3. The Joint Committee shall form a special committee for settling disputes and approve its internal regulation and work mechanism.

CHAPTER FOUR FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 18

1. This Agreement shall be considered valid after being ratified by the Contracting Parties Countries according to the legislations enforced therein and shall come into effect one month after the lapse of a month from the date of exchanging the ratification documents and shall be applicable to any amendment being applied thereon.
2. This Agreement shall remain valid unless either Contracting Party informs the other in writing and through the diplomatic channels with his intention to terminate it at least six months from the date of the Agreement's expiry date. Its provisions shall remain effective after the its expiry for the contracts and obligations concluded within its framework and has not been completed upon its termination or the rights that may be established within it and has not completed, or the rights that been established within it and have not been settled in accordance with its provisions whether related all to the governments or the natural or corporate persons.

Article 19

The provisions of the bilateral agreements concluded between any of the GCC States and Lebanon shall be implemented in confirmation with the provisions of this Agreement.

In witness whereof and since both are authorized representatives on behalf of his government, the signatories have signed this Agreement.

This Agreement was made in the city of Beirut on Tuesday 22nd Rabie Awwal 1425 Hijra corresponding to 11th May 2005 in two originals, in two original copies.

For the Government of The Gulf Co-operation Council States For the Government of the Republic of Lebanon.

Mohamed Subah Al Salem Al Subah
Minister of Foreign Affairs
The current Chairman of the
Ministerial Council of the GCC States.

Jan Obaid
Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Republic of Lebanon.

Abdul Rahman bin Hamad Al Attiyah

Secretary General of The Gulf Co-operation Council States.

P. 25 **LAW**

LAW NO.30 OF 2005 WITH RESPECT TO AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LABOUR LAW FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR PROMULGATED BY LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO.23 OF 1976

We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Having examined the Constitution,

And the Labour Law for the Private Sector promulgated by Legislative Decree No.23 of 1976, as amended,

The Shura Council and the Council of Representatives have approved the following Law which we hereby ratify and promulgate:

Article 1

For the provision of first paragraph of Article 88 of the Labour Law for the Private sector promulgated by Legislative Decree No.23 of 1976, there shall be substituted the following:

"A Muslim worker may get a two week paid vacation to perform the pilgrimage once during the period of his service provided that his service with the employer shall not be less than five continuous years".

Article 2

The Ministers, each in his respective capacity, shall implement this Law which shall come into effect from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Signed: Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa,
King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.**

Issued at Rifa'a Palace on: 10th Rajab, 1426 Hijra,
Corresponding to: 15th August 2005 A.D.

P. 26/ 30 **LAW**

LAW NO.31 OF 2005 WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL INSURANCE FOR BAHRAINIS WORKING ABROAD AND SIMILAR PERSONS

We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain,

Having examined the Constitution,

And the Social Insurance Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No.24 of 1976, as amended,

The Shura Council and the Council of Representatives have approved the following Law which we hereby ratify and promulgate:

Article 1

For the purpose of implementing the provisions of this Law, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned against them:

General Organisation: General Organisation for Social Insurance.

Insured: Whoever is subject to the provisions of this Law.

Social Insurance Law: Social Insurance Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. 24 of 1976, as amended.

Monthly Income Category: Proposed monthly income chosen by an insured to calculate on its basis, the monthly contribution to be paid to the Organisation.

Disability: Any disability suffered by a male insured before reaching the age of sixty or a female insured before reaching the age of fifty five. This may prevent the insured totally and permanently from taking up any profession, job or activity to live therefrom and such disability shall be proven by a resolution from the Medical Commission formed in accordance with the provisions of the Social Insurance Law.

Article 2

Bahraini workers who are working outside or inside the Kingdom of Bahrain with an employer who is not subject to the provisions or the Social Insurance Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No.24 of 1976 shall have the right to request to benefit from the provisions of this Law whenever they fulfill the determined conditions.

Article 3

The Social Insurance Scheme prescribed as per this Law shall cover insurance against old age, disability and death insurance.