

Date: 9/11/1986

President of the Republic,

Pursuant to:

The provisions of the Constitution; and

What was approved by the People's Assembly in its session of 01/03/1407 AH, corresponding to 3/11/1986 AD'

Issues the following:

Article I:

Article 16 of the Syrian Nationality Law, promulgated by Legislative Decree 276 of 1969, shall be amended as follows:

Article 16:

Nationality may be awarded to nationals of Arab countries by a decree following an application from the nationality seeker, who must:

1. Be a Competent [Person];
2. Be a national of an Arab country;
3. Be a habitual resident of Syria when applying for Nationality;
4. Be free of all communicable diseases and infirmities that would prevent him/her from work;
5. Be of good conduct and reputation and not have been convicted of a felony or sentenced to a custodial punishment for a disgraceful crime, unless rehabilitated.

Article II:

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and enter into force as of its date of issuance.

Damascus, 07/03/1407 AH, corresponding to 09 /11/1986 AD.

President of the Republic

Hafez al-Assad