

*Translated from Arabic*

The State of Qatar has always strived assiduously to abide by, implement and enforce all principles of international law governing diplomatic and consular relations, whether customary or codified.

Since 1986, Qatar has been a party to the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. It also became a party in 1998 to the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. In 1997, Qatar acceded to the 1973 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents.

Moreover, in implementation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which provides that it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges and immunities to respect the laws and regulations of the receiving State, article 21 of Decree-Law No. 13 (2009) regarding the diplomatic and consular service stresses that the members of the Qatari diplomatic and consular service must uphold the dignity, honour and good name of their profession, whether in the workplace or outside it, and must avoid all that may damage international relations with other countries.