We, Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifah, the Emir of the State of Bahrain,

Having reviewed the Constitution and the Emir Decree No (14) for the year 1975;
The Bahraini Citizenship Act of 1963, Amended by Law issued on 12th October 1963, and by the Decree No (10) for 1981,
And the Civil and Commercial Procedures Law issued by Decree Law No (12) and its amendments, based on the submittals by the Minister of Interior.
And based on the approval of the Council of Ministers;

**Decree as follows:**

**Article 1**

Texts of Articles (4, 5,6/4) of Bahraini Citizenship Act (1) - 1963 shall be replaced by the following texts:

“Article (4):
A person shall be deemed a Bahraini national in the following cases:
  A. If he is born in Bahrain or abroad and his father, at the time of birth, was a Bahraini national.
  B. If he is born in Bahrain or abroad and his mother, at the time of birth, was a Bahraini national, providing that his father was either unknown or not legally to be related to his father.

Article (5):
A person shall be regarded a Bahraini national if born in Bahrain for unknown parents. An illegal child shall be deemed to have born in Bahrain, unless proved to be otherwise.

Article (6/4):
If a man is granted Bahraini Citizenship by virtues of this article, his minor children shall be deemed Bahrainis by naturalization, - and they shall have the right within one
year of reaching their legal age to embrace their original nationality. Any child born to such man after his acquisition of the citizenship of Bahrain, shall be regarded a Bahraini national.

Acquiring citizenship of Bahrain by an alien, does not give his wife the nationality of Bahrain, unless she informs the Minister of Interior of her intention of the same, providing that she is living with her husband in Bahrain for five years from the date of announcement of her intention and marriage does not seize to subsist by reason other than the death of her husband.

The Minister of Interior may redeem all or part of this period, and he may, during this span, deprive such woman the right of acquiring citizenship of Bahrain with a decision for sound reasons.

Article 2

Article No (11), shall be added to the Citizenship of Bahrain Act - 1963 of the following texts:

Claims of nationality

11. Repeated: Judgments which are issued concerning nationality or any of the conditions required by this law for a person to be of Bahrain nationality will not have any obligatory nature for Ministry of Interior except if the Ministry has been proceeding such claims.

Article 3

The Minister of Interior shall implement this Act and it shall come into force as from the date of issuance in the Official Gazette.

Prince of Bahrain State

Isa Bin Sulman Al Khalifah