



Late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Founding Father of the UAE



His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates



H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai

## Report by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

December 2nd of every year is an occasion for UAE nationals and residents alike, to express pride in the country's developmental and civilizational achievements.

This year, the United Arab Emirates celebrates its 51st National Day, forging ahead with wisdom and perseverance, following in the footsteps of its founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, under the leadership of the President, His Highness Sheikh



Ferrari World Abu Dhabi (largest indoor theme park on the planet)

Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and his brothers their highnesses the members of the Federal Supreme Council, Rulers of all the emirates, and through the hands of its loyal daughters and sons who stand at the heart of the country's growth and development, attaining developmental, cultural, economic, political and social achievements.

The values of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God have mercy on him, laid the foundations of modern cultural and developmental renaissance in the country. Inspired by these values, the wise leaders of the country took to building a bright future for the UAE, strengthening its stance among the countries of the region and the world, turning it into an oasis of peace and political stability, economic and social development, and tolerance.

### The Principles of the 50

The "Principles of the 50" are ten principles that act as guidelines for all institutions in the UAE as the country approaches a new phase of growth and development over the next 50 years. The "Principles of the 50" document sets the strategic roadmap for the UAE's new era of economic, political, developmental, and social growth to strengthen the union, build a sustainable economy, and harness all possible resources to create a more prosperous society.

### Economic and commercial diplomacy:

The UAE adopts economic strategies that stimulate economic diversification away from oil, and the country is working to build an

economy based on knowledge and diversity, reinforced by scientific and technological progress.

### Foreign Policy: UAE on the Regional and International stage

The UAE is moving forward in strengthening its position at the international level by giving priority to economic prosperity, relations between peoples, and de-escalation of the region. The UAE leadership will continue to support pluralism and partnerships in efforts to reduce tensions and enhance international cooperation.

### UAE's commitment to supporting Women, Peace and Security

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has a long history of commitment to the plan of supporting Women, Peace and Security (WPS agenda), not only within the United Arab Emirates, but also globally. The United Arab Emirates has provided continuous financial support since the launch of UN Women in 2010. In 2019, it

citizens and all those living in the United Arab Emirates.

### Human Rights in the United Arab Emirates

As home to more than 200 nationalities from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, the UAE is deeply committed to safeguarding human rights and building upon its steady progress in this field.

Over the years, the UAE has enacted a series of laws and regulations that enshrine certain fundamental rights, providing for the fair treatment of all its citizens and residents, especially women, children, workers, and persons of determination, as stipulated in the UAE Constitution.

### Science and Technology

Future plans aim to consolidate the advanced technology and science sector as a strategic and essential sector for the country due to the significance of its role in designing



Ajman Museum (Emirate's foremost museum illustrating life as it once was)

announced a three-year unmarked contribution of \$15 million and encouraged UN Women to use part of this fund to implement the WPS agenda worldwide.

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Institutional Component

In line with its values, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFAIC) pursues the promotion of a culture of innovation, flexibility, foresight, and the development of a sense of initiative and responsibility in all areas of operation. It has endeavored to enhance the quality of life for employees and service end-users by providing a healthy and positive work environment and proactive and digital services.

### Services provided to UAE citizens abroad:

Based on the Principles of the 50, launched by the wise leadership for the next 50 years, MoFAIC has undertaken to carry out its tasks, mandate, and duties in response to the global COVID-19 crisis, which has provided an opportunity to demonstrate, test and develop the mechanisms in place to serve UAE

and planning strategies and developing a vision for the country's economy in the future.

### Cultural Diplomacy

Today, the UAE is busily expanding its networks in the private, public, and academic sectors, motivated to reach new levels. We also foster discovery and innovation, entrenching entrepreneurship and boosting investment.

### Diplomacy of humanitarian aid without borders

One of the ten principles for the next 50 years is the Ninth Principle, which reaffirms the commitment of the United Arab Emirates to international aid based on the principle of humanity and solidarity. The said principle states, "The Emirates' foreign humanitarian aid is essential to its vision and moral duty towards less fortunate peoples. Our foreign humanitarian aid is not tied to religion, race, color, or culture. Political disagreement with any country should not justify failing to provide relief to that country in cases of disasters, emergencies, and crises."

## MESSAGE



H.E. ABDULLA ALI ALHMOUDI  
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Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh

Every year on 2nd of December, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) celebrates its anniversary of the unification of the seven Emirates in 1971 and today marks the 51st anniversary of the announcement of the Union and the establishment of the country. On this day, we reflect on our nation's achievements, and what we need to accomplish in the coming year.

The UAE, under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, may God protect him, continues the path of national development and economic growth as an extension of the legacy of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, may God rest their souls, and the future model of the UAE.

The progress, development and prosperity that we enjoy nowadays in the UAE goes hand in hand with a balanced foreign policy that allows our country to gain greater respect in its diplomatic presence and further boost its friendly relations around the world.

The UAE adopts economic strategies that stimulate economic diversification and the UAE has also launched a package of strategic projects and initiatives within the "Projects of the 50", which aim to establish an advanced stage of internal and external growth. The projects provide impetus for investment in digital and circular

economies, as well as sectors based on artificial intelligence and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The UAE's foreign policy focuses on supporting long-term economic prosperity, and the state adopts strategies that stimulate economic diversification, away from oil.

The UAE's relations with all countries are characterized by continuity, moderation, diplomacy and wisdom, despite the changes on the global political, security, economic and health scene, and this is harnessed to find common ground to find solutions to regional and international challenges and conflicts.

The UAE supports diplomacy over conflict, partnership over unilateralism, and dialogue over confrontation. It

2020 Dubai, the Louvre Abu Dhabi, the Abraham Accords, and the UAE Papal visit, amongst many others.

The UAE is one of the most resilient countries globally in handling and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic as the country turns challenges into opportunities and the UAE has ranked 11th on the nation brand index due to our successful handling of Covid-19 and pioneering achievements in science and education, such as the successful Emirates Mars Mission.

On this occasion, we remain grateful to our leadership, which spares no effort to raise the nation and achieve the well-being and happiness of its citizens and residents.

On this historic occasion, I would like to commend the bilateral relations



urges respect for the principles of good neighborliness and non-interference in the internal affairs of countries, while seeking to develop existing alliances and strengthen foreign relations to support its domestic development and international engagement.

The UAE believes in cultural diplomacy that builds bridges of understanding between nations to increase cooperation. After a half-century of achievements, we can see the impact of international cultural partnerships on the global interest in the UAE. There has been an increasing appreciation worldwide of our nation's future agenda and fundamental values, thanks to initiatives such as EXPO

which join between our two friendly countries. These ties are based on the principles of cooperation and mutual respect and the partnership between the two countries and peoples have reached a new height in recent years. The mutual visits of the leaders and officials of the two countries, and the ever-increasing levels of trade, economic and cultural exchange, are a powerful indicator that stands witness to the strength of bilateral relations in various fields.

Finally, I wish a blessed year for the UAE filled with constant progress and prosperity.

Thank you.



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