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We, Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates,

Having reviewed:

The constitution; and

Federal Law No (1) concerning the jurisdictions of ministries and powers of ministers as amended; and

Federal Law No (10) of 1973 concerning the Federal Supreme Court as amended; and

Federal Law No (8) of 1974 regulating expert services before courts; and

Federal Law No (6) of 1978 establishing federal courts and transferring the powers of local judicial bodies of certain emirates to such courts as amended; and

The Law of Proof in Civil and Commercial Transactions promulgated by Federal Law No (10) of 1992; and

The Civil Transactions Law promulgated by Federal Law No (5) of 1985 as amended; and

Federal Law No (1) of 2006 concerning Electronic Transactions and Commerce; and

Based on the proposals made by the Minister of Justice, the approval of the Cabinet and ratification by the Federal Supreme Council;

Have promulgated the following law:

Article One

A new clause bearing No. (3) shall be added to Article no. (17) of the said Law of Proof in Civil and Commercial Transactions reading as follows:

3. Payment by electronic media shall serve as a discharge, as determined by the Minister of Justice in coordination with the authorities concerned.

Article Two

A new Chapter shall be added to Part Two titled (Chapter Two Bis). A new article shall also be added to this Chapter bearing No. (17 bis) reading as follows:

Article (17) bis:

1. Electronic signature shall be any electronic signature any letters, figures, codes, signs, images or sounds having a unique character allowing for identifying the signatory and distinguishing him from others as stipulated in the Electronic Transactions and Commerce Law.
2. Electronic instrument shall be any transfer, transmission or receipt, storage of codes, signs, writing, images, sounds or information of whatever nature taking place through an information technology medium.

3. Electronic signatures shall have the same the evidential weight as the signatures referred to in this law if they comply with the provisions prescribed in the Electronic Transactions and Commerce Law.
4. Electronic writing, instruments, registers and documents shall have the same evidential weight as official and customary writing and instruments in the provisions of this law if they fulfill the conditions and provisions prescribed in the Electronic Transactions and Commerce Law.

Article Three

Any provision contrary or contradictory to the provisions hereof shall be revoked.

Article Four

This law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be enforced from the date of publication.

**Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan,
President of the United Arab Emirates**

Promulgated by us in the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi
On Ramadan 17, 1427 AH
Corresponding to October 9, 2006.