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<b>Abstract</b>	

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Art. 1 lists the special arrangements for children of Saudi women married to non-Saudis:

1. Children shall be granted the right to reside in the Kingdom and shall be sponsored by their mother.
2. The government shall bear the cost of their residence.
3. Children shall be permitted to work in the private sector without transferring their sponsorship.
4. Children shall be granted the rights of Saudi citizens in the areas of education and healthcare and shall be included in the calculation of percentages in the Saudization program.

Art. 2 permits a Saudi woman to sponsor her non-Saudi husband to reside in the Kingdom (if he is living abroad) or transfer him to her own sponsorship if he is already residing in the Kingdom, provided he has a recognized passport which allows him to return to his country of origin at any time.

Art. 3 conditions the applicability of the previous articles on the marriage being concluded upon obtaining the permission of the competent authority or the marriage contract being certified and the children of a Saudi woman having documents that prove their identity.