

Decree of the President of Arab Republic of Egypt
Promulgating Law No. 32 of 2014
Regulating Certain Procedures for Challenging State Contracts

The Interim President

Having reviewed the Amended Constitution promulgated on the eighteenth of January 2014;

The Penal Code;

The Civil Code;

The Criminal Proceedings Code;

The Code on Civil and Commercial Proceedings;

The General Authorities Law promulgated by the Law No. 61 of 1963;

The State Council Law promulgated by the Law No. 47 of 1972;

The Joint Stock Companies, Limited Partnerships by Shares and Limited Liability Companies Law promulgated by Law No. 159 of 1981;

The Public Sector Affairs Law promulgated by Law No. 203 of 1991;

The Tenders and Auctions Law promulgated by Law of 89 of 1998;

Upon the approval of the Cabinet;

And as reviewed by the State Council,

The following Law has been promulgated:

Article (1)

Without prejudice to the right of adjudication of persons enjoying rights *in rem* or rights *in personem* over the property subject of contracting, challenging the validity of a contract to which the State or its entities comprising: ministries, agencies, organs having specific budgets, local administration units, general authorities and public institutions, or State owned companies or companies in which the State holds shares, and challenging, for the purpose of cancellation, the decrees or procedures according to which these contracts have been concluded, as well as real estate allocation decrees shall be exclusively vested with the parties to the contract, unless a unchallengeable judgment has been rendered holding one or all parties to the contract liable for any of the crimes

pertaining to public property as stipulated under Chapters Three and Four of the Second Book of the Penal Code, and provided that the said contract was concluded on the basis of such crime.

Article (2)

Without prejudice to unchallengeable court judgments, the court shall *ex officio* render inadmissible actions or challenges pertaining to the disputes stipulated under Article (1) of this Law and which were filed by means other than those specified under that Article, including, actions and challenges filed prior to the date of entry into force of this Law.

Article (3)

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force on the next day following its publication.

Issued at the Presidential Palace on 22 *Jumaada al-Akhir* 1435 *Hijri* (22 April 2014).

Adly Mansour