

NATIONAL PHYSICAL MASTER PLAN OF THE LEBANESE TERRITORY

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Forward

The decree-law 5/77 dated January 31, 1977, creates and sets the duties of the Council for Development & Reconstruction (CDR). Article 3 of this Decree-Law requires CDR to establish “the general framework for urban planning orientations” in Lebanon and submit it to the Council of Ministers for approval.

Based on this legislative arrangement, the Government has made CDR in charge of elaborating, not only the framework for urban planning policy, but also a physical Master Plan that will constitute the basis for urban planning policy. The plan will also serve as a guideline for all stakeholders participating in the national and land use development, starting with public bodies, administrations and autonomous offices.

The recommendations of this study for the urban planning sector, as decreed by the Council of Ministers, will be imposed, among others, on local urban planning master plans that will be elaborated or reviewed afterwards. In fact, Article 4 of Decree-Law 69/83, dated September 22, 1983 and related to Urban Planning, has foreseen that these local master plans should be elaborated “in the framework of a national land use master plan”.

This conformity of local plans would be accomplished progressively. The plans that are in force will continue to be in use, until they are reviewed; after which, they will be redesigned in accordance with the “guidelines of urban planning” that were defined by the Government, and for which the present National Physical Master Plan provides the philosophy and the general consistency.