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Statement by H.E. Khaled Mohamed Balama, Governor of the Central Bank of the UAE, on the designation of "Zayed the Founder Day"

Abu Dhabi (29 October 2026): "The decision by **His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE**, to designate 7 January each year as **'Zayed the Founder Day'** reflects the UAE's enduring gratitude to the leader who laid the foundations of the Union and made investing in people central to the nation's progress. This annual occasion offers an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of our Founding Father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and deepen understanding of his values and vision across generations.

Sheikh Zayed established an approach to development rooted in investing in people and building strong institutions, laying the foundations for our national economy. His legacy entrusts us with the responsibility to build on those foundations, guided by the conviction that an economy's strength is reflected in its impact on people's lives and wellbeing. At the Central Bank of the UAE, we draw inspiration from this approach to strengthen monetary and financial stability, reinforce confidence in the financial sector and invest in Emirati talent, to build a more resilient and competitive sector.

Honouring Sheikh Zayed's legacy is a responsibility renewed with every achievement that serves our nation. Under the guidance of our wise leadership, we remain dedicated to this responsibility, ensuring that the Founding Father's legacy continues to guide our decisions and actions as we build a stronger economy and a more prosperous future for generations to come."

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