

The 18th Amendment

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ISLAMABAD: The Senate is going to approve the 18th Amendment Bill today, while the National Assembly approved it unanimously on Thursday last.

Following is the full text of the bill:

"TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS the people of Pakistan have relentlessly struggled for democracy and for attaining the ideals of a Federal, Islamic, democratic, parliamentary and modern progressive welfare State, wherein the rights of the citizens are secured and the Provinces have equitable share in the Federation;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary that the Legal Framework Order, 2002, as amended by the Chief Executive's Order No. 29 and the Chief Executive's Order No. 32 of 2002, be declared as having been made without lawful authority and of no legal effect, and the Constitution (Seventeenth Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. 111 of 2003), be repealed and the Constitution further amended to achieve the aforesaid objectives; It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and, commencement: (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010.

(2) It shall come into force at once, save as otherwise provided in this Act.

2. Repeal, etc.- Subject to Article 264 and the provisions of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010, (a) the Legal Framework Order, 2402 (Chief Executive's Order No. 24 of 2002), the Legal Framework (Amendment) Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. 29 of 2002) and the Legal Framework (Second Amendment) Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. 32 of 2002), are hereby declared to have been, made without lawful authority and of no legal effect and, therefore, shall stand repealed; and (b) the Constitution (Seventeenth Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. 111 of 2003), is hereby repealed.

3. Amendment of Article 1 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the Constitution, in Article 1, in clause (2), in paragraph (a), for the word "Baluchistan" the word "Balochistan", for the words "North West Frontier" the words "Khyber Pakhtunkhwa", and for the word "Sind" the word "Sindh", shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of Article 6 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 6, (i) for clause (1), the following shall be substituted, namely: "(1) Any person who abrogates or subverts or suspends or holds in abeyance, or attempts or conspires to abrogate or subvert or suspend or hold in abeyance, the Constitution by use of force or show of force or by any other unconstitutional means shall be guilty of high treason.

(ii) in clause (2), after the word "abetting" the word "or collaborating" shall be inserted; and (iii) after clause (2) amended as aforesaid, the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

(2A). An act of high treason mentioned in clause (1) or clause (2) shall not be validated by any court including the Supreme Court and a High Court."

5. Insertion of new Article in the Constitution: In the Constitution, after Article 10, the following new Article shall be inserted, namely: "10A. Right to fair trial.- For the determination of his civil rights and obligations or in any criminal charge against him a person shall be entitled to a fair trial and due process."

6. Substitution of Article 17 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 17, the following shall be substituted, namely: "17. Freedom of association. (1) Every citizen shall have the right to form associations or unions, subject to any reasonable restrictions imposed by law in the interest of sovereignty or integrity of Pakistan, public order or morality.

(2) Every citizen, not being in the service of Pakistan, shall have the right to form or, be a member of a political party, subject to any reasonable restrictions imposed by law in the interest of the sovereignty or integrity of Pakistan and such law shall provide that where the Federal Government declares that any political party has been formed or is operating in a manner prejudicial to the sovereignty or integrity of Pakistan, the Federal Government shall, within fifteen days of such declaration, refer the matter to the Supreme Court whose decision on such reference shall be final.

(3) Every political party shall account for the source of its funds in accordance with law."

7. Insertion of new Article in the Constitution.- In the Constitution, after Article 19, the following new Article shall be inserted, namely: "19A. Right to information.- Every citizen shall have the right to have access to information in all matters of public importance subject to regulation and reasonable restrictions imposed by law".

8. Amendment of Article 25 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 25, in clause (2), the word "alone" occurring at the end shall be omitted.

9. Insertion of new Article in the Constitution.- In the Constitution, after Article 25, the following new Article shall be inserted, namely: "25A. Right to education.-The State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of five to sixteen years in such manner as may be determined by law."

10. Amendment of Article 27 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 27, in clause (1), in the second proviso, for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: "Provided-also that under-representation of any class or area in the service of Pakistan may be redressed in such manner as may be determined by an Act of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)".

11. Amendment of Article 29 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 29, in clause (3), for the word "the National Assembly" occurring for the first time the words and brackets, "each House of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)" shall be substituted and after the word "National Assembly" occurring for the second time the words "and the Senate" shall be inserted.

12. Amendment of Article 38 of the Constitution,- In the Constitution, in Article 38,- (i) in paragraph (e), the word "and" at the end shall be omitted; (ii) in paragraph (f), for the full stop at the end a semicolon and the word ";and" shall be added and after paragraph (f) amended as aforesaid, the following new paragraph shall be added, namely:- "(g) the shares of the Provinces in all federal services, including autonomous bodies and corporations established by, or under the control of, the Federal Government, shall be secured and any omission in the allocation of the shares of the Provinces in the past shall be rectified."

13. Amendment of Article 41 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 41,- (i) in clause (3), the words, brackets and figure "to be elected after the term specified in clause (7)" shall be omitted; and (ii) clauses (7), (8) and (9) shall be omitted.

14. Substitution of Article 46 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 46, the following shall be substituted namely:- "46. President to be kept informed.- The Prime Minister shall keep the President informed on all matters of

internal and foreign policy and on all legislative proposals the Federal Government intends to bring before Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)".

15. Amendment of Article 48 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 48,- (i) In clause (1),- (a) after the word "act" the words "on and" shall be inserted; and (b) in the proviso, after the word "that" the words "within fifteen days" shall be inserted and after the word "shall" the commas and words ",within ten days," shall be inserted; and (ii) for clause (5) the following shall be substituted, namely: - "(5) Where the President dissolves the National Assembly, notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1), he shall,- (a) appoint a date, not later than ninety days from the date of the dissolution, for the holding of a general election to the Assembly; and (b) appoint a care-taker Cabinet."

(iii) for clause (6) the following shall be substituted, namely: - "(6). If at any time the Prime Minister considers it necessary to hold a referendum on any matter of national importance, he may refer the matter to a joint sitting of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) and if it is approved in a joint sitting, the Prime Minister may cause such matter to be referred to a referendum in the form of a question that is capable of being answered by either "Yes" or "No".

16. Substitution of Article 51 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 51, the following shall be substituted and shall be deemed always to have been so substituted with effect from the 21st day of August, 2002, namely:- "51. National Assembly.-(1) There shall be three hundred and forty-two seats for members in the National Assembly, including seats reserved for women and non-Muslims.

(2) A person shall be entitled to vote if- (a) he is a citizen of Pakistan; (b) he is not less than eighteen years of age; (c) his name appears on the electoral roll; and (d) he is not declared by a competent court to be of unsound mind.

(3) The seats in the National Assembly referred to in clause

(1), except as provided in clause (4), shall be allocated to each Province, the Federally Administered Tribal Areas and the Federal Capital as under:-

General Seats Women Total

Balochistan 14 3 17

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 35 8 43

Punjab 148 35 183

Sindh 61 14 75

Federally Administered 12 - 12

Tribal Areas

Federal Capital 2 - 2

Total 272 60 332

(4) In addition to the number of seats referred to in clause (3), there shall be, in the National Assembly, ten seats reserved for non-Muslims.

(5) The seats in the National Assembly shall be allocated to each Province, the Federally Administered Tribal Areas and the Federal Capital on the basis of population in accordance with the last preceding census officially published.

(6) For the purpose of election to the National Assembly,- (a) the constituencies for the general seats shall be single member territorial constituencies and the members to fill such seats shall be elected by direct and free vote in accordance with law, (b) each Province shall be a single constituency for all seats reserved for women which are allocated to the respective Provinces under clause (3); (c) the constituency for all seats reserved for non-Muslims shall be the whole country; (d) members to the-seats reserved for women which are allocated to a Province under clause (3) shall be elected in accordance with law through proportional representation system of political parties' lists of candidates on the basis of total number of general seats secured by each political party from the Province concerned in the National Assembly; Provided that for the purpose of this paragraph the total number of general seats won by a political party shall include the independent returned candidate or candidates who may duly join such political party within three days of the publication in the official Gazette of the names of the returned candidates; (e) members to the seats reserved for non-Muslims shall be elected in accordance with law through proportional representation system of political parties' lists of candidates on the basis of total number of general seats won by each political party in the National Assembly; Provided that for the purpose of this paragraph the total number of general seats won by a political party shall include the independent returned candidate or candidates who may duly join such political party within three days of the publication in the official Gazette of the names of the returned candidates."

17. Substitution of Article 58 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution, for Article 58, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "58. Dissolution of the National Assembly.- (1) The President shall dissolve the National Assembly if so advised by the Prime Minister; and the National Assembly shall, unless sooner dissolved, stand dissolved at the expiration of forty-eight hours after the Prime Minister has so advised.

Explanation.- Reference in this Article to "Prime Minister", shall not be construed to include reference to a Prime Minister against whom a notice of a resolution for a vote of no-confidence has been given in the National Assembly but has not been voted upon or against whom such a resolution has been passed or who is continuing in office after his resignation or after the dissolution of the National Assembly.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (2) of Article 48, the President may also dissolve the National Assembly in his discretion where, a vote of no-confidence having been passed against the Prime Minister, no other member of the National Assembly commands the confidence of the majority of the members of the National Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, as ascertained in a session of the National Assembly summoned for the purpose."

18. Substitution of Article 59 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 59, the following shall be substituted, namely: "59. The Senate.- (1) The Senate shall consist of one-hundred and four members, of whom,- (a) fourteen shall be elected by the members of each Provincial Assembly; (b) eight shall be elected from the Federally, Administered Tribal Areas, in such manner as the President may, by Order, prescribe; (c) two on general seats, and one woman and one technocrat including aalim shall be elected from the Federal Capital in such manner as the President may, by Order, prescribe; (d) four women shall be elected by the members of each Provincial Assembly; (e) four technocrats including ulema shall be elected by the members of each Provincial Assembly; and (f) four non-Muslims, one from each Province, shall be elected by the members of each Provincial Assembly: Provided that paragraph (f) shall be effective from the next Senate election after the commencement of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010.

(2) Election to fill seats in the Senate allocated to each Province shall be held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.

(3) The Senate shall not be subject to dissolution but the term of its members, who shall retire as follows, shall be six years:- (a) of the members referred to in paragraph (a) of clause (1), seven shall retire after the expiration of the first three years and seven shall retire after the expiration of the next three years; (b) of the members referred to in paragraph (b) of the aforesaid clause, four shall retire after the expiration of the first three years and four shall retire

after the expiration of the next three years; (c) of the members referred to in paragraph (c) of the aforesaid clause,- (i) one elected on general seat shall retire after the expiration of the first three years and the other one shall retire after the expiration of the next three years; and (ii) one elected on the seat reserved for technocrat shall retire after first three years and the one elected on the seat reserved for women shall retire after the expiration of the next three years; (d) of the members referred to in paragraph (d) of the aforesaid clause, two shall retire after the expiration of the first three years and two shall retire after the expiration of the next three years; (e) of the members referred to in paragraph (e) of the aforesaid clause, two shall retire after the expiration of the first three years and two shall retire after the expiration of the next three years; and (f) of the members referred to in paragraph (f) of the aforesaid clause, two shall retire after the expiration of first three years and two shall retire after the expiration of next three years: Provided that the Election Commission for the first term of seats for non-Muslims shall draw a lot as to which two members shall retire after the first three years.

(4) The term of office of a person elected to fill a casual vacancy shall be the unexpired term of the member whose vacancy he has filled.

19. Amendment of Article 61 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 61, for the word "ninety" the words "one hundred and ten" shall be substituted.

20. Substitution of Article 62 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 62, the following shall be substituted, namely: - "62. Qualifications for membership of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament).- (1) A person shall not be qualified to be elected or chosen as a member of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) unless- (a) he is a citizen of Pakistan; (b) he is, in the case of the National Assembly, not less than twenty- five years of age and is enrolled as a voter in any electoral roll in- (i) any part of Pakistan, for election to a general seat or a . seat reserved for a non-Muslims; and (ii) any area in a Province from which she seeks membership for election to a seat reserved for women.

(c) he is, in the case of the Senate, not less than thirty years of age and is enrolled as a voter in any area in a Province or, as the case may be, the Federal Capital or the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, from where he seeks membership; (d) he is of good character and is not commonly known as one who violates Islamic Injunctions; (e) he has adequate knowledge of Islamic teachings and practices obligatory duties prescribed by Islam as well as well abstains from major sins; (f) he is sagacious, righteous, non-profligate, honest and ameen, there being no declaration to the contrary by a court of law; (g) he has not, after the establishment of Pakistan, worked against the integrity of the country or opposed the ideology of Pakistan: (2) The disqualifications specified in paragraphs (d) and (e) shall not apply to a person who is a non-Muslim, but such a person shall have good moral reputation;".

21. Substitution of Article 63 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 63, the following shall be substituted, namely,- "63. Disqualifications for membership of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament). (1) A person shall be disqualified from being elected or chosen as, and from being, a member of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), (a) he is of unsound mind and has been so declared by a competent court; or (b) he is an undischarged insolvent; or (c) he ceases to be a citizen of Pakistan, or acquires the citizenship of a foreign State; or (d) he holds an office of profit in the service of Pakistan other than an office declared by law not to disqualify its holder; or (e) he is in the service of any statutory body or any body which is owned or controlled by the Government or in which the Government has a controlling share or interest; or (f) being a citizen of Pakistan by virtue of section 14B of the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (II of 1951), he is for the time being disqualified under any law in force in Azad Jammu and Kashmir from being elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Azad Jammu and Kashmir; or (g) he has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction for propagating any opinion, or acting in any manner, prejudicial to the ideology of Pakistan, or the sovereignty, integrity or security of Pakistan, or the integrity or independence of the judiciary of Pakistan, or which defames or brings into ridicule the judiciary or the Armed Forces of Pakistan, unless a period of five years has elapsed since his release; or (h) he has been, on conviction for any offence involving moral turpitude, sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than two years, unless a period of five years has elapsed since his release; or (i) he has been dismissed from the service of Pakistan or service of a corporation or office set up or, controlled, by the Federal Government, Provincial Government or a Local Government on the ground of misconduct, unless a period of five years has elapsed since his dismissal; or (j) he has been removed or compulsorily retired from

the service of Pakistan or service of a corporation or office set up or controlled by the Federal Government, Provincial Government or a Local Government on the ground of misconduct, unless a period of three years has elapsed since his removal or compulsory retirement; or (k) he has been in the service of Pakistan or of any statutory body or any body which is owned or controlled by the Government or in which the Government has a controlling share or interest, unless a period of two years has elapsed since he ceased to be in such service; or (l) he, whether by himself or by any person or body of persons in trust for him or for his benefit or on his account or as a member of a Hindu undivided family, has any share or interest in a contract, not being a contract between a cooperative society and Government, for the supply of goods to, or for the execution of any contract or for the performance of any service undertaken by, Government: Provided that the disqualification under this paragraph shall not apply to a person- (i) where the share or interest in the contract devolves on him by inheritance or succession or as a legatee, executor or administrator, until the expiration of six months after it has so devolved on him; (ii) where the contract has been entered into by or on behalf of a public company as defined in the Companies Ordinance, 1984 & (XLVII of 1984), of which he is a shareholder but is not a director holding an office of profit under the company; or (iii) where he is a member of a Hindu undivided family and the contract has been entered into by any other member of that family in the course of carrying on a separate business in which he has no share or interest; or Explanation. -In this Article "goods" does not include agricultural produce or commodity grown or produced by him or such goods as he is, under any directive of Government or any law for the time being in force, under a duty or obligation to supply.

(m) he holds any office of profit in the service of Pakistan other than the following offices, namely:- (i) an office which is not whole time office remunerated either by salary or by fee; (ii) the office of Lumbardar, whether called by this or any other title; (iii) the Qaumi Razakars; (iv) any office the holder whereof, by virtue of such office, is liable to be called up for military training or military service under any law providing for the constitution or raising of a Force; or (n) he has obtained a loan for an amount of two million rupees or more, from any bank, financial institution, cooperative society or cooperative body in his own name or in the name of his spouse or any of his dependents, which remains unpaid for more than one year from the due date, or has got such loan written off; or (o) he or his spouse or any of his dependents has defaulted in payment of government dues and utility expenses, including .telephone, electricity, gas and water charges in excess of ten thousand rupees, for over six months, at the time of filing his nomination papers; or (p) he is for the time being disqualified from being elected or chosen as a member of a Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) or of Provincial Assembly under any law for the time being in force.

Explanation.-For the purposes of this paragraph "law" shall not include an Ordinance promulgated under Article 89 or Article 128.

(2) If any question arises whether a member of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) has become disqualified from being a member, the Speaker or, as the case may be, the Chairman, shall, unless he decides that no such question has arisen, refer the question to the Election Commission within thirty days and should he fail to do so within the aforesaid period it shall be deemed to have been referred to the Election Commission.

(3) The Election Commission shall decide the question within ninety days from its receipt or deemed to have been received and if it is of the opinion that the member has become disqualified, he shall cease to be a member and his seat shall become vacant."

22. Substitution of Article 63A of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 63A, the following shall be substituted, namely:- " 63A. Disqualification on grounds of defection, etc.- (I) If a member of a Parliamentary Party composed of a single political party in a House- (a) resigns from membership of his political party or joins another Parliamentary Party; or (b) votes or abstains from voting in the House contrary to any direction issued by the Parliamentary Party to which he belongs, in relation to- (i) election of the Prime Minister or the Chief Minister; or (ii) a vote of confidence or a vote of no-confidence; or (iii) a Money Bill or a Constitution (Amendment) Bill; he may be declared in writing by the Party Head to have defected from the political party, and the Party Head may forward a copy of the declaration to the Presiding Officer and the Chief Election Commissioner and shall similarly forward a copy thereof to the member concerned: Provided that before making the declaration, the Party Head shall provide such member with an opportunity to show cause as to why such declaration may not be made against him.

Explanation.- "Party Head" means any person, by whatever name called, declared as such by the Party.

(2) A member of a House shall be deemed to be a member of a Parliamentary Party if he, having been elected as a candidate or nominee of a political party which constitutes the Parliamentary Party in the House or, having been elected otherwise than as a candidate or nominee of a political party, has become a member of such Parliamentary Party after such election by means of a declaration in writing.

(3) Upon receipt of the declaration under clause (1), the Presiding Officer of the House shall within two days refer, and in case he fails to do so it shall be deemed that he has referred, the declaration to the Chief Election Commissioner who shall lay the declaration before the Election Commission for its decision thereon confirming the declaration or otherwise within thirty days of its receipt by the Chief Election Commissioner.

(4) Where the Election Commission confirms the declaration, the member referred to in clause (1) shall cease to be a member of the House and his seat shall become vacant.

(5) Any party aggrieved by the decision of the Election Commission may, within thirty days, prefer an appeal to the Supreme Court which shall decide the matter within ninety days from the date of the filing of the appeal.

(6) Nothing contained in this Article shall apply to the Chairman or Speaker of a House.

(7) For the purpose of this Article,- (a) "House" means the National Assembly or the Senate, in relation to the Federation; and a Provincial Assembly in relation to the Province, as the case may be; (b) "Presiding Officer" means the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Chairman of the Senate or the Speaker of the Provincial Assembly, as the case may be.

(8) Article 63A substituted as aforesaid shall come into effect from the next general elections to be held after the commencement of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010: Provided that till Article 63A substituted as aforesaid comes into effect the provisions of existing Article 63A shall remain operative."

23. Substitution of Article 70 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution, for Article 70, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "70. Introduction and passing of Bills. (1) A Bill with respect to any matter in the Federal Legislative List may originate in either House and shall, if it is passed by the House in which it originated, be transmitted to the other House; and, if the Bill is passed without amendment by the other House also, it shall be presented to the President for assent.

(2) If a Bill transmitted to a House under clause (1) is passed with amendments it shall be sent back to the House in which it originated and if that House passes the Bill with those amendments it shall be presented to the President for assent.

(3) If a Bill transmitted to a House under clause (1) is rejected or is not passed within ninety days of its laying in the House or a Bill sent to a House under clause (2) with amendments is not passed by that House with such amendments, the Bill, at the request of the House in which it originated, shall be considered in a joint sitting and if passed by the votes of the majority of the members present and voting in the joint sitting it shall be presented to the President for assent.

(4) In this Article and the succeeding provisions of the Constitution, "Federal Legislative List" means the Federal Legislative List in the Fourth Schedule."

24. Omission of Article 71 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, Article 71 shall be omitted.

25. Amendment of Article 73 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 73, - (i) For clause (1) the following

shall be substituted, namely:- "(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in Article 70,, a Money Bill shall originate in the National Assembly: Provided that simultaneously when a Money Bill, including the Finance Bill containing the Annual Budget Statement, is presented in the National Assembly, a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Senate which may, within fourteen days, make recommendations thereon to the National Assembly."; and (ii) after clause (1) substituted as aforesaid, the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:- "(1A) The National Assembly shall, consider the recommendations of the Senate and after the Bill has been' passed by the Assembly with or without incorporating the recommendations of the Senate, it shall be presented to the President for assent."

26. Amendment of Article 75 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution, in Article 75,- (i) in clause (1), for the word "thirty", the word "ten" shall be substituted; (ii) for clause (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-"(2) When the President has returned a Bill to the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), it shall be reconsidered by the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) in joint sitting and, if it is again passed, with or without amendment, by the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), by the votes of the majority of the members of both Houses present and voting, it shall be deemed for the purposes of the Constitution to have been passed by both Houses and shall be presented to the President, and the President shall give his assent within ten days, failing which such assent shall be deemed to have been given." ; and (iii) in clause (3), after the word "assented", the words "or is deemed to have assented", shall be inserted.

27. Amendment of Article 89 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 89,- (i) in clause (1), before the words "National Assembly" the words "Senate or" shall be inserted; (ii) in clause (2), in paragraph (a),- (a) in sub-paragraph (i), for the words "four months" the words "one hundred and twenty days" shall be substituted; and for the semi-colon at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:- "Provided that the National Assembly may, .by a resolution extend the Ordinance for a further period of one hundred and twenty days and it shall stand repealed at the expiration of the extended period, or if before the expiration of that period a resolution disapproving it is passed by the Assembly, upon the passing of that resolution: Provided further that extension for further period may be made only once."; and (b) in sub-paragraph (ii), for the words "four months" the words "one hundred and twenty days" shall be substituted and for the semi-colon and the word ";and " at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following provisos shall be inserted , namely:- Provided that either House may by a resolution extend it for a further period of one hundred and twenty days and it shall stand repealed at the expiration of the extended period, or if before the expiration of that period a resolution disapproving it is passed by a House, upon the passing of that resolution: Provided further that extension for a further period may be made only once.

(iii) for clause (3), the following shall be substituted, namely: - "(3) without prejudice to the provisions of clause (2),- " (a) an Ordinance laid before the National Assembly under sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of clause (2) shall be deemed to be a Bill introduced in the National Assembly; and (b) an Ordinance laid before both Houses under sub-paragraph(ii) of paragraph (a) of clause (2) shall be deemed to be a Bill introduced in the House where it was first laid."

28. Substitution of Article 90 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution, for Article 90, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "90. The Federal Government.- (1) Subject to the Constitution, the executive authority of the Federation shall be exercised in the name of the President by the Federal Government, consisting of the Prime Minister and the Federal Ministers, which shall act through the Prime Minister, who shall be the chief executive of the Federation. (2) In the performance of his functions under the Constitution, the Prime Minister may act either directly or through the Federal Ministers."

29. Substitution of Article 91 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 91, the following shall be substituted, namely: - "91. The Cabinet- (1) There shall be a Cabinet of Ministers, with the Prime Minister at its head, to aid and advise the President in the exercise of his functions.

(2) The National Assembly shall meet on the twenty-first day following the day on which a general election to the Assembly is held, unless sooner summoned by the President. t (3) After the election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker, the National Assembly shall, to the exclusion of any other business, proceed to elect without debate one of

its Muslim members to be the Prime Minister.

(4) The Prime Minister shall be elected by the votes of the majority of the total membership of the National Assembly: Provided that, if no member secures such majority in the first poll, a second poll shall be held between the members who secure the two highest numbers of votes in the first poll and the member who secures a majority of votes of the members present and voting shall be declared to have been elected as Prime Minister: Provided further that, if the number of votes secured by two or more members securing the highest number of votes is equal, further poll shall be held between them until one of them secures a majority of votes of the members present and voting.

(5) The member elected under clause (4) shall be called upon by the President to assume the office of Prime Minister and he shall, before entering upon the office, make before the President oath in the form set out in the Third Schedule: Provided that there shall be no restriction on the number of terms for the office of the Prime Minister.

(6) The Cabinet, together with the Ministers of State, shall be collectively responsible to the Senate and the National Assembly.

(7) The Prime Minister shall hold office during the pleasure of the President, but the President shall not exercise his powers under this clause unless he is satisfied that the Prime Minister does not command the confidence of the majority of the members of the National Assembly, in which case he shall summon the National Assembly and require the Prime Minister to obtain a vote of confidence from the Assembly.

(8) The Prime Minister may, by writing under his hand addressed to the President, resign his office.

(9) A Minister who for any period of six consecutive months is not a member of the National Assembly shall, at the expiration of that period, cease to be a Minister and shall not before the dissolution of that Assembly be again appointed a Minister unless he is elected a member of that Assembly: Provided that nothing contained in this clause shall apply to a Minister who is member of the Senate.

(10) Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as disqualifying the Prime Minister or any other Minister or a Minister of State for continuing in office during any period during which the National Assembly stands dissolved, or as preventing the appointment of any person as Prime Minister or other Minister or a Minister of State during any such period." 30. Amendment of Article 92 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 92, in clause (1),- (i) for the brackets and figures "(7) and (8)" the brackets and figures "(9) and (10)" shall be substituted; "175A. Appointment of Judges to the Supreme Court, High Courts and the Federal Shariat Court- (1) There shall be a Judicial Commission of Pakistan, hereinafter in this Article referred to as the Commission, for appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court, High Courts and the Federal Shariat Court, as hereinafter provided.

(2) For appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court, the Commission shall consist of (i) Chief Justice of Pakistan; Chairman (ii) two most senior Judges of the Supreme Court; Members (iii) a former Chief Justice or a former Judge Member of the Supreme Court of Pakistan to be nominated by the Chief Justice of Pakistan, in consultation with the two member Judges, for a period of two years: (iv) Federal Minister for Law and Justice; Member (v) Attorney-General for Pakistan; and Member (vi) a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Member Pakistan nominated by the Pakistan Bar Council for a term of two years.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1) or clause (2), the President shall appoint the most senior Judge of the Supreme Court as the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

(4) The Commission may make rules regulating its procedure.

(5) For appointment of Judges of a High Court, the Commission in clause (2) shall also include the following, namely:- (i) Chief Justice of the High Court to which the Member appointment is being made; (ii) the most senior Judge of that High Court; Member - (iii) Provincial Minister for Law; and Member (iv) a senior advocate to be

nominated Member by the Provincial Bar Council for a period of two years: Provided that for appointment of the Chief Justice of a High Court, the most senior Judge of the Court shall be substituted by a former Chief Justice or former Judge of that Court, to be nominated by the Chief Justice of Pakistan in consultation with the two member Judges of the Commission mentioned in clause (2): Provided further that if for any reason the Chief Justice of High Court is not available, -he shall also be substituted in the manner as provided in the foregoing proviso.

(6) For appointment of Judges of the Islamabad High Court, the Commission in clause (2) shall also include the following, namely:- (i) Chief Justice of the Islamabad High Court; and Member (ii) the most senior Judge of that High Court: Member Provided that for initial appointment of the Judges of the Islamabad High Court, the Chief Justices of the four Provincial High Courts shall also be members of the Commission: Provided further that subject to the foregoing proviso, in case of appointment of Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court, the provisos to clause (5) shall, mutatis mutandis, apply.

(7) For appointment of Judges of the Federal Shariat Court, the Commission in clause (2) shall also include the Chief Justice of the Federal Shariat Court and the most senior Judge of that Court as its members: Provided that for appointment of Chief Justice of Federal Shariat Court, the provisos to clause (5) shall, mutatis mutandis, apply. (8) The Commission by majority of its total membership shall nominate to the Parliamentary Committee one person, for each vacancy of a Judge in the Supreme Court, a High Court or the Federal Shariat Court, as the case may be; (9) The Parliamentary Committee, hereinafter in this Article referred to as the Committee, shall consist of the following eight members, namely:- (i) four members from the Senate; and (ii) four members from the National Assembly.

(10) Out of the eight members of the Committee, four shall be from the.

Treasury Benches, two from each House and four from the Opposition Benches, two from each House. The nomination of members from the Treasury Benches shall be made by the Leader of the House and from the Opposition Benches by the Leader of the Opposition.

(11) Secretary, Senate shall act as the Secretary of the Committee.

(12) The Committee on receipt of a nomination from the Commission may confirm the nominee by majority of its total membership within fourteen days, failing which the nomination shall be deemed to have been confirmed: Provided that the Committee may not confirm the nomination by three-fourth majority of its total membership within the said period, in which case the Commission shall send another nomination.

(13) The Committee shall forward the name of the nominee confirmed by it or deemed to have been confirmed to the President for appointment.

(14) No action or decision taken by the Commission or a Committee shall be invalid or called in question only on the ground of the existence of a vacancy therein or of the absence of any member from any meeting thereof.

(15) The Committee may make rules for regulating its procedure.

68. Amendment of Article 177 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution, in Article 177, for clause (1) the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(1) The Chief Justice of Pakistan and each of the other Judges of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the President in accordance with Article 175A."

69. Amendment of Article 193 of the Constitution. - In the Constitution, in Article 193,- (i) for clause (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(1) The Chief Justice and each of other Judges of a High Court shall be appointed by the President in accordance with Article 175 A." (ii) in clause (2), for the word "forty" the word "forty-five" shall be substituted and shall be deemed always to have been so substituted with effect from the 21st day of August, 2002.

70. Amendment of Article 194 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 194, for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:- "Provided that the Chief Justice of the Islamabad High Court shall make oath before the President and other Judges of that Court shall make oath before the Chief Justice of the Islamabad High Court."

71. Amendment of Article 198 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 198,- (i) after clause (1), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:- "(1 A) The High Court for Islamabad Capital Territory shall have its principal seat at Islamabad." (ii) in clause (3),- (a) after the word Abbottabad, the comma and the word "Mingora" shall be inserted ; and (b) after the word " Sibi " occurring at the end, the words "and Turbat" shall be added.

72. Amendment of Article 199 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 199, for clause (4A), the following shall be substituted, namely,- "(4A) An interim order made by a High Court on an application made to it to question the validity or legal effect of any order made, proceeding taken or act done by any authority or person, which has been made, taken or done or purports to have been made, taken or done under any law which is specified in Part I of the First Schedule or relates to, or is connected with, State property or assessment or collection of public revenues shall cease to have effect on the expiration of a period of six months following the day on which it is made: Provided that the matter shall be finally decided by the High Court within six months from the date on which the interim order is made."

73. Amendment of Article 200 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 200,- (i) in clause (1), the proviso shall be omitted; and (ii) clause (4) shall be omitted.

74. Amendment of Article 203C of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 203C, (i) in clause (2), after the word "President" occurring at the end the words, figures and letters "in accordance with Article 175A" shall be inserted; (ii) in clause (3A), for the words "who are well-versed in Islamic law" the words and comma "having at least fifteen years experience in Islamic law, research or instruction" shall be substituted; (iii) in clause (4), in the proviso, the words "for a period exceeding two years" shall be omitted; (iv) for clause (4B) the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(4B) The Chief Justice and a Judge shall not be removed from office except in the like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court."; and (v) clause (4C) and clause (5) shall be omitted.

(vi) for clause (9), the following shall be substituted and deemed always to have been so substituted with effect from the 21st day of August, 2002, namely:- "(9) A Chief Justice who is not a Judge of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to the same remuneration, allowances and privileges as are admissible to a Judge of the Supreme Court and a Judge who is not a Judge of a High Court shall be entitled to the same remuneration, allowances and privileges as are admissible to a Judge of a High Court: Provided that where a Judge is already drawing a pension for any other post in the service of Pakistan, the amount of such pension shall be deducted from the pension admissible under this clause."

75. Amendment of Article 203D of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 203D, in clause (1A), the words "or the Concurrent Legislative List" shall be omitted and for the words "in either of those lists" the words "in the Federal Legislative List" shall be substituted.

76. Amendment of Article 209 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 209, for clause (5) the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(5) If, on information from any source, the Council Or the President is of the opinion that a Judge of the Supreme Court or of a High Court- (a) may be incapable of properly performing the duties of his office by reason of physical or mental incapacity; or (b) may have been guilty of misconduct, the President shall direct the Council to, or the Council may, on its own motion, inquire into the matter."

77. Amendment of Article 213 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 213,- (i) In clause (1), the words "in his discretion" shall be omitted; (ii) after clause (2), the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:- "(2A). The Prime Minister shall in consultation with the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly, forward three names

for appointment of the Commissioner to a Parliamentary Committee for hearing and confirmation of any one person.

(2B) The Parliamentary Committee to be constituted by the Speaker shall comprise fifty percent members from the Treasury Benches and fifty percent from the Opposition Parties, based on their strength in Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), to be nominated by the respective Parliamentary Leaders: Provided that in case there is no consensus between the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, each shall forward separate lists to the Parliamentary Committee for consideration which may confirm any one name: Provided further that the total strength of the Parliamentary Committee shall not exceed twelve members out of which one-third shall be from the Senate: Provided also that when the National Assembly is dissolved and a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chief Election Commissioner, the Parliamentary Committee shall, comprise the members from the Senate only and the foregoing provisions of this clause shall, mutatis mutandis, apply."

78- Amendment of Article 215 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 215, in clause (1),- (i) for the word "three" the word "five" shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: - "Provided that the aforesaid amendment shall be effective after the expiry of current tenure of the present incumbent; and (ii) the existing proviso shall be omitted.

79. Amendment of Article 216 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 216, in clause (2), in the proviso,- (i) in paragraph (a), for the semicolon and the word ",and" a full stop shall be substituted; and (ii) paragraph (b) shall be omitted.

80. Amendment of Article 218 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 218,- (i) for clause(l), the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(1) For the purpose of election to both Houses of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), Provincial Assemblies and for election to such other public offices as may be specified by law, a permanent Election Commission shall be constituted in accordance with this Article."; (ii) for clause (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:- " (2) The Election Commission shall consist of.- (a) The Commissioner who shall be the Chairman of the Commission; and (b) four members, each of whom has been a Judge of a High Court from each Province, appointed by the President in the manner provided for appointment of the Commissioner in clauses (2A) and (2B) of Article 213."

81. Amendment of Article 219 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 219,- (i) for the word "Commissioner" the word "Commission" shall be substituted; and (ii) in paragraph (c), for the full stop at the end a semi colon shall be substituted and after paragraph (c) amended as aforesaid, the following new paragraphs shall be added; namely:- (d) the holding of general elections to the National Assembly, Provincial Assemblies and the local governments; and (e) such other functions as may be specified by an Act of Majlis- e-Shoora (Parliament).

82. Amendment of Article 221 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 221, for the word "Commissioner" occurring for the first and second time, the words,"Election Commission" shall be substituted and the words "Commissioner or an" shall be omitted.

83. Amendment of Article 224 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 224,- (i) for clause (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(1) A general election to the National Assembly or a Provincial Assembly shall be held within a period of sixty days immediately following the day on which the term of the Assembly is due to expire, unless the Assembly has been sooner dissolved, and the results of the election shall be declared not later than fourteen days before that day."; (ii) after clause (1) substituted as the aforesaid, the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:- "(1A) On dissolution of the Assembly on completion of its term, or in case it is dissolved under Article 58 or Article 112, the President, or the Governor, as the case may be, shall appoint a care-taker Cabinet: Provided that the care-taker Prime Minister shall be selected by the President in consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the outgoing National Assembly, and a care-taker Chief Minister shall be appointed by the Governor in consultation with the Chief Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the outgoing Provincial Assembly: .

Provided further that the Members of the Federal and Provincial care-taker Cabinets shall be appointed on the advice of the caretaker Prime Minister or the care-taker Chief Minister, as the case may be.

(1B) Members of the care-taker Cabinets including the caretaker Prime Minister and the care-taker Chief Minister and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to contest the immediately following elections to such Assemblies". Explanation.- In this clause "immediate family members" means spouse and children.

(iii) after clause (5) the following new clause shall be inserted and shall be deemed always to have been so inserted with effect from the 21st day of August, 2002, namely:- "(6) When a seat reserved for women or non-Muslims in the National Assembly or a Provincial Assembly falls vacant, on account of death, resignation or disqualification of a member, it shall be filled by the next person in order of precedence from the party list of the candidates to be submitted to the Election Commission by the political party whose member has vacated such seat."

84. Substitution of Article 226 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 226, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "226. Election by secret ballot- All elections under the Constitution, other than those of the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister, shall be by secret ballot."

85. Amendment of Article 228 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 228, in clause (3), in paragraph (c), for the word "four" the words "one-third" shall be substituted.

86. Amendment of Article 232 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 232, in clause (1), for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and after clause (1) amended as aforesaid, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: - " Provided that for imposition of emergency due to internal disturbances beyond the powers of a Provincial Government to control, a Resolution from the Provincial Assembly of that Province shall be required: Provided further that if the President acts on his own, the Proclamation of Emergency shall be placed before both Houses of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) for approval by each House within ten days."

87. Amendment of Article 233 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 233, in clause (3), for the words "a joint sitting" the words "both Houses of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) separately" shall be substituted, 88.

Amendment of Article 234 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 234, in clause (1),- * (i) the words "or otherwise" shall be omitted; and (ii) for the words "at a joint sitting" the words "by each House separately" shall be substituted.

89. Amendment of Article 242 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 242,- (i) in clause (1A), for the words "in his discretion" the words "on the advice of the Prime Minister" shall be substituted"; and (ii) after clause (1 A) amended as aforesaid the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:- "(1B) The Chairman of the Public Service Commission constituted in relation to affairs of a Province shall be appointed by the Governor on advice of the Chief Minister."

90. Substitution of Article 243 in the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 243, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "243. Command of Armed Forces.- (1) The Federal Government shall have control and command of the Armed Forces.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces shall vest in the President.

(3) The President shall subject to law, have power - (a) to raise and maintain the Military, Naval and Air Forces of Pakistan; and the Reserves of such Forces; and (b) to grant Commissions in such Forces.

(3) The President shall, on advice of the Prime Minister, appoint- (a) the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee; (b) the Chief of the Army Staff; (c) the Chief of the Naval Staff; and (d) the Chief of the Air Staff, and shall also determine their salaries and allowances."

91. Amendment of Article 246 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 246, in paragraph (a),- (a) in sub-paragraph (i), for the word "Balochistan" the word "Balochistan" and for the words "North West Frontier" the words "Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" shall be substituted and the word "and" at the end shall be omitted, and (b) after sub-paragraph (ii), the following new sub-paragraphs shall be inserted, namely:- .

"(iii) Tribal Areas adjoining Lakki Marwat District; and (iv) Tribal Areas adjoining Tank District."

92. Amendment of Article 260 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 260, in clause (1), the definition of expression "consultation" shall be omitted.

93. Insertion of new Articles in the Constitution.- In the Constitution, after Article 267, the following new Articles shall be inserted, namely:- "267A. Power to remove difficulties.- (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010, hereinafter in this Article referred as the Act, or for bringing the provisions of the Act into effective operation, the matter shall be laid before both Houses in a joint sitting which may by a resolution direct that the provisions of the Act shall, during such period as may be specified in the resolution, have effect, subject to such adaptations, whether by way of modification, addition or omission, as may be deemed necessary or expedient: Provided that this power shall be available for a period of one year from the commencement of the Act.

267B. Removal of doubt.- For removal of doubt it is hereby declared that Article 152A omitted and Articles 179 and 195 substituted by the Constitution (Seventeenth Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. III of 2003), notwithstanding its repeal, shall be deemed always to have been so omitted and substituted."

94. Amendment of Article 268 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 268, clause (2) shall be omitted.

95. Amendment of Article 270A of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 270A,- (a) in clause (1), the words, commas, brackets and figures "under which, in consequence of the result of the referendum held on the nineteenth day of December, 1984, General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq became the President of Pakistan on the day of the first meeting of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) in joint sitting for the term specified in clause (7) of Article 41," shall be omitted; and (b) for clause (6), the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(6) The laws referred to in clause (1) may be amended by the appropriate Legislature in the manner provided for amendment of such laws."

96. Substitution of new Article in the Constitution.- In the Constitution, for Article 270AA, the following shall be substituted, namely:- " 270AA. Declaration and continuance of laws etc.- (1) The Proclamation of Emergency of the fourteenth day of October, 1999, the Provisional Constitution Order No. I of 1999, the Oath of Office (Judges) Order, 2000 (No. I of 2000), Chief Executive's Order No. 12 of 2002, Chief Executive's Order No. 19 of 2002, the amendments made in the Constitution through the Legal Framework Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. 24 of 2002), the Legal Framework (Amendment) Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. 29 of 2002) and the Legal Framework (Second Amendment) Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. 32 of 2002), notwithstanding any judgment of any court including the Supreme Court or a High Court, are hereby declared as having been made without lawful authority and of no legal effect. (2) Except as provided in clause (1) and subject to the provisions of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010, all laws including President's Orders, Acts, Ordinances, Chief Executive's Orders, regulations, enactments, notifications, rules, orders or bye-laws made between the twelfth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine and the thirty-first day of October, two thousand and three (both days inclusive) and still in force shall, continue to be in force until altered, repealed or amended by the competent authority.

Explanation.- For the purposes of clause (2) and clause (6), "competent authority" means,- (a) in respect of Presidents' Orders, Ordinances, Chief Executive's Orders and all other laws, the appropriate Legislature; and (b) in respect of notifications, rules, orders and bye-laws, the authority in which the power to make, alter, repeal or amend the same vests under the law.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Constitution or clause (1), or judgment of any court including the Supreme Court or a High Court,- (a) Judges of the Supreme Court, High Courts and Federal Shariat Court who were holding the office of a Judge or were appointed as such, and had taken oath under the Oath of Office (Judges) Order, 2000, (I of 2000), shall be deemed to have continued to hold the office as a Judge or appointed as such, as the case may be, under the Constitution, and such continuance or appointment, shall have effect accordingly.

(b) Judges of the Supreme Court, High Courts and Federal Shariat' Court who not having been given or taken oath under the Oath of Office of (Judges) Order, 2000 (I of 2000), and ceased to hold the office of a Judge shall, for the purposes of pensionary benefits only, be deemed to have continued to hold office under the Constitution till their date of superannuation.

(4) All orders made, proceedings taken, appointments made, including secondments and deputations, and acts done by any authority, or by any person which were made, taken or done, or purported to have been made, taken or done, in exercise of the powers derived from any authority or laws mentioned in clause (2), or in execution of or in compliance with any orders made or sentences passed by any authority in the exercise or purported exercise of powers as aforesaid, shall, notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1), be deemed to be valid and shall not be called in question in any court or forum on any ground whatsoever.

(5) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings, including writ petitions, shall lie in any court or forum against any authority or any person, for or on account of or in respect of any order made, proceedings taken or act done whether in the exercise or purported exercise of the powers referred to in clause (2) or clause (4) or in execution of or in compliance with orders made or sentences passed in exercise or purported exercise of such powers.

(6) Notwithstanding omission of the Concurrent Legislative List by the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010, all laws with respect to any of the matters enumerated in the said List (including Ordinances, Orders, rules, bye-laws, regulations and notifications and other legal instruments having the force of law) in force in Pakistan or any part thereof, or having extra-territorial operation, immediately before the commencement of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010, shall continue to remain in force until altered, repealed or amended by the competent authority.

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Constitution, all taxes and fees levied under any law in force immediately before the commencement of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010, shall continue to be levied until they are varied or abolished by an Act of the appropriate legislature.

(8) On the omission of the Concurrent Legislative List, the process of devolution of the matters mentioned in the said List to the Provinces shall be completed by the thirtieth day of June, two thousand and eleven.

(9) For purposes of the devolution process under clause (8), the Federal Government shall constitute an Implementation Commission as it may deem fit within fifteen days of the commencement of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010."

97. Amendment of Article 270B of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in Article 270B, after the figure and comma "1977," the words, commas, figures and brackets "and the Conduct of General Elections Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No.7 of 2002)," shall be inserted and shall be deemed always to have been so inserted with effect from the 21st day of August, 2002.

98. Insertion of new Article 270BB of the Constitution.- In the Constitution, after Article 270B amended as aforesaid, the following new Article shall be inserted, namely:- "270BB. General Elections 2008.- Notwithstanding anything contained in the Constitution or any other law for the time being in force, the General Elections 2008, to the - National Assembly and the Provincial Assemblies held on the eighteenth day of February, two thousand and eight shall be deemed to have been held under the Constitution and shall have effect accordingly."

99. Amendment of Annex to the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in the Annex, in the Objectives Resolution, in the sixth paragraph, after the word "to" the word "freely" shall be inserted.

100. Amendment of Third Schedule to the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in the Third Schedule,- (I) in the Oath prescribed for the Prime Minister, for the figure "3" occurring in the brackets, the figure "5" shall be substituted; (II) in the Oath prescribed for the Chief Minister or Provincial Minister, for the figures and brackets "131(4)" the figures and brackets "130(5)" shall be substituted; (III) in the Oath prescribed for the Speaker of a Provincial Assembly, for the words "I will discharge" the words and comma "and whenever I am called upon to act as Governor, I will discharge " shall be substituted; and (IV) for the Oath prescribed for the Chief Justice or a Judge of the Federal Shariat Court, the following shall be substituted, namely:- [Article 203C (7)] (In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent, the most Merciful.) I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan: That, as Chief Justice of the Federal Shariat Court (or a Judge of the Federal Shariat Court), I will discharge my duties, and perform my functions, honestly, to the best of my ability, and faithfully, in accordance with the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the law: That I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decisions.

That I will abide by the code of conduct issued by the Supreme Judicial Council: That I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan: And that, in all circumstances, I will do right to all manner of people, according to law, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will.

[May Allah Almighty help and guide me (A'meen)]" ;

101. Amendment of Fourth Schedule to the Constitution.- In the Constitution, in the Fourth Schedule, in the Federal Legislative List,- (1) in Part I,- (i) in entry 18, in sub-entry (c) for the full stop at the end the semicolon and a word ";and" shall be added and after sub-entry(c) amended as aforesaid the following new sub-entry shall be added, namely:- "(d) boilers."

(ii) for entry 32 the following shall be substituted, namely:- "32. International treaties, conventions and agreements and International arbitration.", (iii) entries 21,33,38 and 40 shall be omitted; (iv) entry 45 and entry 46 shall be omitted; (v) in entry 49, after the word "consumed" the comma and words",except sales tax on services" shall be added.

(vi) in. entry 50, after the word "taxes" the words "on capital gains" shall be omitted.

(2) in Part II,- (i) entries 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 shall be renumbered as entries 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, respectively, and (ii) after entry 3, the following new entries shall be inserted, namely:- "4. Electricity.

5. Major ports, that is to say, the declaration and delimitation of such ports, and the constitution and powers of port authorities therein.

6. All regulatory authorities established under a Federal law.

7. National planning and national economic coordination including planning and coordination of scientific and technological research.

8. Supervision and management of public debt.

9. Census.

10. Extension of the powers and jurisdiction of members of a police force belonging to any Province to any area in another Province, but not so as to enable the police of one Province to exercise powers and jurisdiction in another

Province without the consent of the Government of that Province; extension of the powers and jurisdiction of members of a police force belonging to any Province to railway areas outside that Province.

11. Legal, medical and other professions.

12. Standards in institutions for higher education and research, scientific and technical institutions.

13. Inter-provincial matters and co-ordination,".

(3) The Concurrent Legislative List and the entries thereto from 1 to 47 (both inclusive) shall be omitted.

102. Omission of the Sixth and the Seventh Schedule in the Constitution.- In the Constitution, the Sixth Schedule and the Seventh Schedule shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS The Constitution of 1973 was not implemented in letter and spirit. The democratic system was derailed at different times. The non-democratic regimes which came into power at different times centralized all authority and thus altered the structure of the Constitution from a Parliamentary form to a quasi-Presidential form of Government through the Eighth and Seventeenth Constitutional Amendments. Thus, the equilibrium established by the Constitution between various organs of State was disturbed which led to weakening of democratic institutions. This inter alia deprived the Provinces of their legitimate constitutional rights in governance and utilization of their natural resources. It also resulted in absence of rule of law, lack of confidence in the judicial system and distance between the Provinces and the Federation, 2. It was in this background that the Charter of Democracy was signed between Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed and Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on 14th May, 2006. The objects of the Charter were to ensure undiluted democratic governance and fundamental rights for the people of Pakistan. An All Parties Conference was also held in London. The historic struggle continued for a just and fair system for Provincial Autonomy. The momentum thus created led to the election of February, 2008 and to the eventual exit of General (R) Musharraf in August, 2008.

3. The people of Pakistan have relentlessly struggled for democracy and for attaining the ideals of a Federal, Islamic, democratic, parliamentary and modern progressive welfare State wherein the rights of citizens are secured, and the Provinces have equitable share in the Federation.

4. Accordingly it is necessary that the Legal Framework Order, 2002, as amended by the Chief Executive's Order No. 29 and the Chief Executive's Order No. 32 of 2002, be declared as having been made without lawful authority and of no legal effect, and the Constitution (Seventeenth "Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No.III of 2003) be repealed and the Constitution further amended to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

5. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives."