



House of the Federation

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

REPORT NO. 4

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

ON

***“The National Commission on the Status of Women
(Amendment) Bill, 2020”***

Presented by:

**SENATOR WALID IQBAL
CHAIRMAN**

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

SENATE SECRETARIAT


Subject: **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.**

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Human Rights, have the honour to present this report on "The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2020", as passed by the National Assembly and introduced by Senator Kamran Murtaza before the Senate in its sitting held on 12th July, 2021. The Bill, upon introduction, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is as follows:-

1.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Chairman
2.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
3.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Member
4.	Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
5.	Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar	Member
6.	Senator Seemi Ezdi	Member
7.	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
8.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
9.	Senator Qurat ul Ain Marri	Member
10.	Senator Kamran Michael	Member
11.	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
12.	Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
13.	Minister for Human Rights	Ex-officio Member

3. The Standing Committee on Human Rights considered the matter in its meeting held on 02.09.2021 under the Chairmanship of Senator Walid Iqbal. Following hon'ble Senators were present at the time of consideration of the Bill:-




1.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Chairman
2.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
3.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Member
4.	Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
5.	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
6.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
7.	Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
8.	Minister for Human Rights	Ex-officio Member


4. The Committee examined the proposed amendment which primarily entails to omit the enabling provision with regard to extension in the term of Chairperson and Members of the National Commission on the Status of Women. The amendment is aimed at providing more opportunity to new members so that they may be able to bring a new pragmatic approach to the Commission.

5. The Committee held extensive discussions and unanimously supported the proposed amendment envisaged in the instant Bill. The Bill was also supported by the Minister for Human Rights.

6. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that "The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2020", as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate, may be passed by the Senate of Pakistan. (Copy of Bill as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate is annexed).



(Rabeea Anwar)
J.S/ Secretary Committee



(SENATOR WALID IQBAL)
Chairman Standing Committee on Human Rights

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 (VIII of 2012) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 6, Act VIII of 2012.- In the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 (VIII of 2012), in section 6, in sub-section (1), the expression "The term of the office may be extended only once", shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

National Commission on the Status of Women should benefit from experience of new members as they would bring fresh ideas about uplifting the status of women. It is vital that more opportunity is provided to new members.

The Bill aims to provide more opportunity to new members so that they may be able to bring a new pragmatic approach to the Commission.

Sd/-

Ms. Aliya Kamran,
Member National Assembly