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#### PART I

#### Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

LAW AND JUSTICE DIVISION

Islamabad, the 22nd February, 2022

No. F. 2(1)/2022-Pub.—The following Ordinance promulgated on 21st February, 2022 by the President is hereby published for general information:—

ORDINANCE NO. III OF 2022

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#### **ORDINANCE**

further to amend the General Statistics (Re-organization), Act 2011

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the General Statistics (Re-organization), Act, 2011 (XIV of 2011) for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS the Senate and the National Assembly are not in session and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

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[7334(2022)/Ex. Gaz.].

Now, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of the Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

- 1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Ordinance shall be called the General Statistics (Re-organization) (Amendment) Ordinace, 2022.
  - (2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment of section 6, Ordinance No. XIV of 2011.—In the General Statistics (Re-Organization) Act, 2011 (XIV of 2011), in section 6, in sub-section (3), for clause (a), the following shall be substituted, namely:—
  - (a) The following shall be ex-officio members, namely:—
    - (i) Minister Incharge shall be the *ex-officio* Chairman of the Governing Council, Provided that if the subject is not allocated to the member of the cabinet, the Prime Minister may nominate a Minister to be the Chairman Governing Council;
    - (ii) Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Member (Vice-Chairman);
    - (iii) Secretary of Controlling Division;
    - (iv) Chief Statistician of the Bureau; and

DR. ARIF ALVI, President.

RAJA NAEEM AKBAR, Secretary.

# STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), which is attached department of Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, is governed under the General Statistics (Re-Organization) Act, 2011. Section 5 of the ibid Act states that the powers, function, directions, management, control and superintendence of the Bureau shall vest in the Governing Council (GC) of the Bureau. As per Section 6 of the Act, the Federal Government is empowered to constitute the Governing Council consisting of at least seven (07) members, comprising three (03) ex-officio members including Chairman-Governing Council, and four members from private sector who shall be "eminent professional" of known integrity and competence:

2. PBS was working as an attached department of Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs, and Privatization & Statistics at the time of promulgation of the Act, 2011. In pursuance of Cabinet decision dated 4th April, 2019, PBS was transferred as an attached department of Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives on abolition of Statistics Division. After allocation of PBS to M/o PD&SI on abolition of Statistics Division, the nomenclature difference arises in composition of GC, to the extent of two ex-officio members defined in section 6(3)(a) of the Act. In order to redress the matter of nomenclature difference, an amendment in the said section of the Act is necessary for which General Statistics (Re-Organization) (Amendment) Ordinance 2022 promulgated. The juxtapose comparison of Section 6(3) (a) of the General Statistics (Re-organization) Act, 2011 and Section 6(3)(a) of General Statistics (Re-organization) Ordinance 2022 is given below:

Section 6(3) (a) of General Statistics (Re- Organization) Act, 2011	Section 6(3) (a) of General Statistics (Re-Organization) (Amendment) Ordinance 2022
(i). Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Statistics or in his absence the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Pinance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Statistics who shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Governing Council;	(i). Minister Incharge shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Governing Council,  Provided that if the subject is not allocated to the member of the cabinet, the Prime Minister may nominate a Minister be the Chairman Governing Council;
(ii). Secretary, Statistics Division; (iii). Chief Statistician of the Bureau; and	(ii). Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Member (Vice Chairman); (iii). Secretary of Controlling Division; (iv) Chief Statistician of the Bureau; and

Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Minister for Planning and Special Initiatives

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