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[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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further to amend the National Disaster Management Act, 2010

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Disaster Management Act, 2010 (XXIV of 2010) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act may be called the National Disaster Management (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 3, Act XXIV of 2010.- In the National Disaster Management Act, 2010 (XXIV of 2010), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3, for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) The National Commission shall consist of,—

- (a) the Prime Minister of Pakistan who shall be the Chairperson, ex-officio;
- (b) Leader of Opposition in the Senate;
- (c) Leader of Opposition in the National Assembly;
- (d) Secretary Ministry of Defence;
- (e) Secretary Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination;
- (f) Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (g) Secretary Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education;
- (h) Secretary Ministry of Communications;
- (i) Secretary Ministry of Finance;
- (j) Secretary Ministry of Interior;
- (k) Chief Secretaries of all the Provinces, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan;
- (l) four representatives from private sector appointed by the Prime Minister;
- (m) Minister for Climate Change;**

- (n) Minister for Water Resources;
- (o) Minister for Information and Broadcasting;
- (p) Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Co-ordination;
- (q) Minister for Planning, Development and Co-ordination;
- (r) Minister for States and Frontier Regions;
- (s) Minister for National Food Security and Research;
- (t) Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan;
- (u) Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir;
- (v) Chairman JCSC or his nominee; and
- (w) Four Representatives of the civil society, of well repute in social work from each Province appointed by the Prime Minister."

3. Amendment of section 4, Act XXIV of 2010.- In the said Act, in section 4, in sub-section (1), for the words "Commission shall meet as", the words "Commission shall meet at least **twice** a year," shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

A strong and effective governance in an organization helps to cultivate the culture of integrity, leading to positive performance and a sustainable development of a country at large. The National Disaster Manager Authority (NDMA) of Pakistan is an Authority to initiate processes to alleviate strife and suffering arising out of disasters *inter alia*, biological, chemical, physical or hydrological. However, the composition of the Commission prescribed in the "National Disaster Management Act, 2010", is redundant in nature due to the persistent non-availability of its Members to perform the functions. Hence, no such practical work has been performed by the Commission as empowered vide Act, 2010. This amendment in the Act, provides a suitable composition for the National Commission, reinstating the befitting rank in order to streamline the nation's fight against the disasters, and a binding provision for the Commission to meet at least once a year.

**SENATOR SEEMEE EZDI
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**