



## قرارداد ۲۵۴

سینیٹ آف پاکستان چار سده میں ہونے والے دھماکے کی پر زور مذمت کرتا ہے۔ اور اس سانحے میں شہید اور زخمی ہونے والے خواتین و حضرات کے لواحقین سے اظہارِ ہمدردی کرتا ہے۔

سینیٹر سید شبعلی فراز کی اپنی اور شہربانو شیریں رحمان اور راجہ محمد ظفر الحق لیڈر آف دی ہاوس کی جانب سے پیش کی گئی اسے سینیٹ آف پاکستان نے ۷ مارچ، ۲۰۱۶ کو مطلقہ طور پر منظور کیا۔



## **RESOLUTION NO. 255**

**WHEREAS** 8<sup>th</sup> March is recognized as International Women’s Day a global day to celebrate the economic, political, and social achievements of women in the past, present, and future; and to recognize the obstacles that women face in the struggle for equal rights and opportunities;

**WHEREAS** the Constitution of Pakistan provides that “steps shall be taken to ensure full participation of women in all spheres of national life” and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex;

**WHEREAS** the Senate of Pakistan has always made endeavors for protection, empowerment and mainstreaming of women by legislating to end discrimination and violence against women; to pursue policies that guarantee the basic human rights of women and promote meaningful participation of women in all aspects of their societies and communities;

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Senate of Pakistan.-*

**RECOGNIZES** that the ability of women to realize their full potential is critical to the ability of a country to achieve strong and lasting economic growth and political and social stability;

**RECOGNIZES and HONORS** individuals in the country and around the world, including women human rights defenders and civil society leaders, that have worked throughout history to ensure that women are guaranteed equality, entitlements and basic human rights;

**REAFFIRMS** the commitment---

- to end discrimination and violence against women;
- to ensure the safety and welfare of women;
- to pursue policies that guarantee the basic human rights of women; and
- to promote meaningful and significant participation of women in every aspect of society and community;

**SUPPORTS** inclusive, sustainable development, including through the promotion of the access of women to each tool, skill and bargaining power needed to promote peace and stability in society; to sustain long-term economic prosperity and to achieve gender equality, entitlements and the empowerment of women;

**REITERATES** that as per the fundamental rights guaranteed in the Constitution of Pakistan, women shall be empowered, mainstreamed and extended protection where needed, in all the Provinces and Federation of Pakistan;

**EMPHASIZES** that the provision of equal opportunity and the removal of structural and other obstacles in the realization of the above goals to be made meaningful and real with no lapse;

**URGES** the Government to take all possible measures for women empowerment, to guarantee entitlements and to ensure that women shall---

- freely live their life with a sense of self-worth, respect and dignity,
- have equal rights to participate in social, religious and public activities,
- have equal social status in the society,
- have equal rights for social and economic justice,
- determine financial and economic choices,
- get equal opportunity for education,
- get equal employment opportunity without any gender bias,
- get safe comfortable working environment.

Moved by Senator Sheher Bano Sherry Rehman on her own behalf and on behalf of Senators Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House, Syed Shibli Faraz, Kamil Ali Agha, Shahi Syed, Sitara Ayaz, Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Mian Muhammad Atteeq Shaikh, Nuzhat Sadiq and Muhammad Javed Abbasi. Unanimously passed by the Senate of Pakistan on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.