

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

*Bill*

*to meet Pakistan's obligations under international conventions relating to climate change and address the effects of climate change*

WHEREAS it is expedient to meet Pakistan's obligations under international conventions relating to climate change and to provide for adoption of comprehensive adaptation and mitigation policies, plans, programmes, projects and other measures required to address the effects of climate change and for matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto:

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER I  
PRELIMINARY

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Climate Change Act, 2017

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.**— In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) "adaptation" means adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities;

(b) "Authority" means the Pakistan Climate Change Authority established under section 5;

(c) "Council" means the Pakistan Climate Change Council established under section 3;

(d) "climate change" means a change in the climate system which is caused by significant changes in the concentration of greenhouse gases as a direct or indirect consequence of human activities and which is in addition to natural climate change that has been observed during a considerable period;

(e) "emissions", in relation to a greenhouse gas, means emissions of that gas into the atmosphere caused by human activity;

- (f) "Fund" means the Pakistan Climate Change Fund established under section 2;
- (g) "Government" means the Federal Government;
- (h) "greenhouse gas" means any gas that contributes to the greenhouse effect by absorbing infrared radiation produced by solar warming of the earth's surface and includes carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulphur hexafluoride, nitrogen trifluoride and any other direct or indirect greenhouse gas as recognized by UNFCCC and IPCC from time to time;
- (i) "mitigation" means efforts that seek to prevent or slow down the increase of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations by reducing current or future emissions and enhancing potential sinks for greenhouse gases;
- (j) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules or regulations made under this Act;
- (k) "regulations" means regulations made under this Act;
- (l) "rules" means rules made under this Act;
- (m) "Schedule" means a schedule to this Act; and
- (n) "Tribunal" means the Environmental Tribunal set up under the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (Act No. XXXIV OF 1997) or the provincial environmental protection laws.

(2) The expressions and words used but not defined in this Act shall have the same meaning as in the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (Act No. XXXIV OF 1997).

## CHAPTER II PAKISTAN CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL

### 3. Establishment of the Pakistan Climate Change Council.- (1)

The Prime Minister shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Council to be known as the Pakistan Climate Change Council consisting of a Chairperson who shall be the Prime Minister or such other person as the Prime Minister may nominate in this behalf and the following members, namely:—