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BILL

to provide for constitution of a National Commission on the rights of the child and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto

WHEREAS it is expedient to set up a National Commission on the rights of the child in accordance with international obligations and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY**

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the National Commission on the Rights of the Child 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 subject or context,—

(a) “Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Commission;

(b) “Child” means any person below the age of eighteen years;

(c) “Child rights” means and includes but may not be limited to rights of the child in the United Nations’ Convention on Rights of the Child and in any other domestic law;

(d) “Commission” means the National Commission on the Rights of the Child constituted under section 3;

(e) “Member” means a person appointed as member of the Commission and where the context so permits includes the Chairperson;

(f) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(g) “Rules” mean rules made under this Act; and

(h) “Secretary” means Secretary of the Commission appointed under section 14.

CHAPTER II
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

3. **Constitution of Commission.**—(1) The Federal Government shall constitute a commission to be known as the National Commission on the Rights of the Child to exercise its powers and perform its functions under this Act.

(2) The Commission shall consist of—

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| (a) a person being citizen of Pakistan of not less than forty-five years of age, having experience of not less than fifteen years of working in the field of child rights, to be appointed by the Federal Government in the prescribed manner; | Chairperson |
| (b) Secretary of the Division, allocated with the business of child rights, or his representative not below the rank of Joint Secretary (B-20); | Member ex-officio |
| (c) a representative of Foreign Affairs Division not below the rank of Joint Secretary (B-20); | Member ex-officio |
| (d) a representative of Interior Division not below the rank of Joint Secretary (B-20); | Member ex-officio |
| (e) Chairperson of the National Commission for Human Rights or his representative not below the rank of an officer in B-20; | Member ex-officio |
| (f) Chairperson of the National Commission on the Status of Women or his representative not below the rank of an officer in B-20; | Member ex-officio |
| (g) Chairpersons of Provincial Commissions on the Rights of the Child, set up under Provincial laws; | Members ex-officio |
| (h) Six members, one each from each Province, Islamabad Capital Territory and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, two of which shall be from women and one from minorities, all having experience of not less than ten years of work in the field of child rights; | Members |
| (i) <u>Two Children(one boy and one girl not below the age of 15 years);</u> and | Member |
| (j) Secretary of the Commission | Ex-officio Member |