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WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance No. LXX of 1979), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Substitution of section 4, Ordinance No. LXX of 1979.- In the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance No. LXX of 1979), for section 4, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"4. Terms and Conditions of the Board.- (1) The Federal Government shall constitute a Board of Wildlife Management, consisting of a Chairman and ten members.

(2) The Chairman of the Board shall be an eminent professional of known integrity and competence having Masters degree and substantial experience in the field of wildlife, environmental management or environmental laws.

(3) One member each shall be appointed from the National Assembly and the Senate of Pakistan.

(4) Mayor of the Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad shall be the member.

(5) Seven Members shall be from the civil society, wildlife right activists, wildlife journalist and legal experts on Wildlife.

(6) The Chairman and members, unless removed earlier on charges of misconduct, corruption, physical or mental disability, shall hold office for four years.

(7) The Board shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In order to ensure transparent, effective and smooth functioning the composition and process of appointment and tenure of the boards and its members is a fundamental requirement. This amendment is aimed to clarify and define the constitution and the tenure of the board members and the chairperson in the current situation so that the authority is not misused and law is implemented in its true letter and spirit.

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