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further to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 (XIX of 2013) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby amended as following: -

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act shall be called the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Section 3, Act XIX of 2013. – In the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 (XIX of 2013), herein after referred to as the said Act, in Section 3 sub-section (2) shall be omitted.

3. Substitution of section 5, Act XIX of 2013.– In the said Act, for section 5, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“5. Board of Governors. – (1) The Authority shall have a Board of Governor comprising,—

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| (a) | Minister In-charge of Interior Division | Chairman |
| (b) | Secretary, Interior | Member |
| (c) | Secretary, Defence Division | Member |
| (d) | Secretary, Law and Justice Division | Member |
| (e) | Secretary, Finance Division | Member |
| (f) | One member from the opposition and one member from Treasury benches respectively in the Senate of Pakistan to be nominated by the Chairman Senate; | Members |
| (g) | One member from the opposition and one member from Treasury benches respectively in the National Assembly to be nominated by the Speaker , National Assembly; | Members |

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| (h) | Director General, Intelligence Bureau | Member |
| (i) | Director General, Federal Investigation Agency | Member |
| (j) | Director General (CT), Inter-Services-Intelligence | Member |
| (k) | Representative of Directorate General,
Military Intelligence (Not less than DG) | Member |
| (l) | National Coordinator of the Authority | Member |
| (m) | Home Secretaries of the Provinces of Sindh,
Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan,
Gilgit-Baltistan and State of Azad Jammu and
Kashmir and Chief Commissioner, Islamabad
Capital Territory (ICT) | Members |
| (n) | Inspector General of Police of Provinces of Sindh,
Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, ICT,
Gilgit-Baltistan and State of Azad Jammu and
Kashmir | Members |

(2) The National Coordinator of the Authority shall act as the Secretary to the Board.

(3) The Board may invite any person to the meeting on special invitation."

4. Amendment of Section 6, Act XIX of 2013.— In the said Act, in section 6,-

- (i) Sub-section (1) and sub-section (2) shall be omitted; and
- (ii) In sub-section (3), in the proviso, the expression "notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (6)," shall be omitted.

5. Amendment of section 8, Act XIX of 2013.—In the said Act, in section 8, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“8. Executive Committee.—(1) The Board shall be assisted by an Executive Committee comprising the following, namely:-

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| (a) | National Coordinator, NACTA | Convener |
| (b) | Additional Secretary, Finance Division | Member |
| (c) | Additional Secretary, Interior Division | Member |
| (d) | Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs | Member |
| (e) | Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice | Member |
| (f) | Additional Secretaries Home of the Provinces of Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and representative of Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) | Members |

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

There has been a surge of terrorist activities in the recent months in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, which necessitates greater coordination of the Minister of Interior with all stakeholders, through NACTA on war footings. Therefore, keeping in view the exigencies of national security / internal peace and order, some amendments are required in NACTA Act, 2013 for changing reporting hierarchy of NACTA, to make it more efficient and effective organization.

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