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SENATE OF PAKISTAN  
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION



REPORT NO.1

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ON

"THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS (OATH AND FEES)  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022"

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR FAROOQ H. NAEK  
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

1. Senator Farooq H. Naek, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs have the honour to present the report of the Committee on the "The Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oath and Fees) (Amendment) Bill, 2022 moved by Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Minister for Foreign Affairs, referred by the Hon'ble Chairman Senate from the House on 29.07.2022.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is as follows:-

1.	Senator Farooq H. Naek	Chairman
2.	Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem,	LOO/Member
3.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
4.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
5.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
6.	Senator Faisal Javed	Member
7.	Senator Anwaar ul Haq Kakar	Member
8.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
9.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
10.	Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
11.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
12.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Soharwardy Taimur	Member
13.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
14.	<u>Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar</u>	Member
15.	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Ex. Officio Member

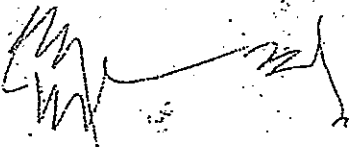
3. The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs considered the Bill in its meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. Following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

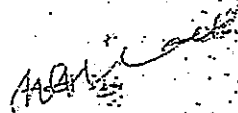
1.	Senator Farooq H. Naek	Chairman
2.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
3.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
4.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
5.	Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar	Member
6.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
7.	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Ex-Officio Member/Mover

4. The Chairman of the Committee asked the Officers of Ministry of Foreign Affairs to brief the Committee on the Bill titled, "The Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oath and Fees) (Amendment) Bill, 2022".

5. Thereafter, the Ministry briefed the Committee on the justification behind this Amendment Bill. The Chairman Committee questioned if any part of the Bill was contradictory to the Notary Ordinance 1961. The Ministry clarified that the Bill represents the powers of the Notary and will not affect the 1961 Ordinance. The Chairman Committee added that regardless, rules will have to be made immediately to ensure a seamless utilization of the law.

6. After the briefing given by the Ministry, the Committee passed the Bill unanimously and recommends that "The Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oath and Fees) (Amendment) Bill, 2022" as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate, may be passed by the Senate of Pakistan. (Copy of Bill as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate is annexed).

  
(HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH)  
AS/Secretary Committee

  
(SENATOR FAROOQ H. NAEK)  
Chairman  
SSC on Foreign Affairs

Islamabad, the  
1<sup>st</sup> September, 2022

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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**Bill**

*further to amend the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oath and Fees) Act, 1948*

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient further to amend the Diplomatic and Consular Officer (Oath and Fees) Act, 1948 (Act No. XXI of 1948), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Bill shall be called the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oath and Fees) (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in section 3, Act XXI of 1948.**— In the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oath and Fees) Act, 1948 (XXI of 1948), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3, in sub-section (1), after the word "administer", the expression "either online or in physical form," shall be inserted.

3. **Addition of Section 9, Act XXI of 1948.**— In the said Act, after section 8, the following new section shall be added, namely:-

"9. **Power to make rules.**— The Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill seeks to enable and facilitate online services by saving time, reducing cost, and minimizing the difficulties to reach the Consulate and Mission. This Bill also seeks to empower Federal Government to make rules for carrying out the purposes of the Act XXI of 1948.

2. The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

**BILAWAL BHUTTO ZARDARI**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs