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PRESENTED BY:

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman, Chairman Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on the "The Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill, 2025 introduced by Senator Anusha Rehman Ahmad Khan in the Senate in its sitting held on 1st December, 2025 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Syedaal Khan	Member
3.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
4.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
5.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
6.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
7.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
8.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
9.	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
10.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
11.	Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
12.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
13.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
14.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the bill during its meeting held on 20th January, 2026 which was attended by the following Members:

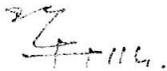
1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
3.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
4.	Senator Umar Farooq	Member
5.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
6.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
7.	Senator Sherry Rehman	Mover
8.	Senator Anusha Rehman Ahmed Khan	Mover
9.	Senator Jan Muhammad	Mover
10.	Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan	Mover
11.	Senator Dr. Afnanullah Khan	Mover
12.	Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro	Mover
13.	Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir	Special Invitee
14.	Minister of State for Interior & NC	Ex-officio Member

4. Senator Anusha Rehman Ahmed Khan stated that while enacting the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016, the service providers were granted an indemnity. However, over the time, there is need to increase the responsibility of service providers to remove/block

objectionable content as and when so required by the competent authority and to proceed against the delinquent service providers. She stated that at present there is a gap in the enforcement of the regulatory framework as the service providers enjoys indemnity from being accountable. She was of the opinion that the service providers should adhere to directions issued by the competent authority and shall be held accountable for failing to act on lawful demands

8. The DG, NCCIA and the representative of the Ministry of the Ministry of Interior & NC endorsed the views and supported the Bill of the Mover. They were of the view that the amendment in clause 38 proposed in the Bill will strengthen the enforcement without diluting the existing lawful protections already granted under this section.

5. The Committee, after discussion, recommended that The "The Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill, 2025 may be passed as introduced in the Senate. (*Bill as introduced in the Senate is placed at Annexure-A*).



(RAFIULLAH)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the
January 22, 2026.

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further to amend the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 38, Act XL of 2016.- In the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016), in section 38, after sub-section (5), the following new sub-section (6), shall be added, namely:-

“(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section this protection shall not be applicable to those service providers who despite the removal/blocking request made by the competent authority fail to ensure compliance. The competent authority shall accordingly proceed against delinquent service providers as may be prescribed.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is necessary that the section is amended to increase the responsibility of service provider to remove / block objectionable content as and when so demanded by the competent authority and proceed to take action against delinquent officer.

2. This bill is aimed to achieve the above-said objective.

**SENATOR ANUSHA RAHMAN AHMAD KHAN
MEMBER IN CHARGE**