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further to amend the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017 (XXXII of 2017) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.- (1)** This Bill shall be called the National Commission on the Rights of Child (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

(1) It shall be come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 2, Act No. XXXII of 2017.-** In the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017 (XXXII of 2017), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (d), the following new clause (da) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(da) "Division concerned" means the Division to which business of the said Act stands allocated under the Rules of Business, 1973;".

3. **Amendment of section 3, Act No. XXXII of 2017.-** in the said Act, in section 3, in sub-section (2) for clause (h), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(h) six members, one from each Province, one from the Islamabad Capital Territory, and one from the minority community, of whom at least two shall be women, all having not less than ten years of experience in the field of child rights. The tenure of minority member shall be the same as that of the other members.".

4. **Amendment of section 17, Act No. XXXII of 2017.-** in the said Act, in section 17,-

(a) for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

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"(1) Within one hundred and twenty days from the end of each financial year, the Commission shall prepare an annual report on the situation of child rights in the country and performance of the Commission and submit it to the Division Concerned which shall, as soon as may be after it is received, lay the report before each House of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)."; and

(b) after sub-section (1), amended as aforesaid, the following new sub-section (1A) shall be inserted namely:-

"(1A) The annual report or, as the case may be, special report referred to in sub-section (3) shall be published on the website of the Commission for information of general public.".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Amendment Bill seeks to remove membership from FATA following the implementation of the 25th Constitutional Amendment. Additionally, it provides a time frame for preparing the Commission's annual report, ensuring its timely submission to Parliament and publication for the general public. Furthermore, the Bill introduces a new provision mandating that all executive authorities in the Federation and Provinces assist the Commission in carrying out the purposes of the Act. These amendments collectively aim to enhance the Commission's capacity to fulfill its designated functions more effectively under the Act.

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