



RESOLUTION NO. 549

"Recognizes the importance of commemorating World Population Day on 11th July each year, as designated by the United Nations to highlight the significance of population issues.

Acknowledging that the theme for World Population Day 2023 of "Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities," is particularly relevant for Pakistan and other developing countries where there is an urgent need to prioritize the rights, well-being and empowerment of women and girls.

Showing concern that as the world's fifth most populous country, Pakistan's population is projected to reach 403 million by 2050 which is expected to contribute to challenges such as poverty and unemployment; food scarcity and water crisis, housing shortages, healthcare access and human capital development, depletion of natural resources; and environmental degradation.

Observing that the population rise is inextricably linked with women's reproductive health and well-being and often driven by a lack of reproductive rights for women, lack of birth control awareness, child marriages, limited access to education and low female workforce participation.

Acknowledging that by effectively managing the population and empowering women with reproductive rights, Pakistan can unlock the potential of its human capital, improve social indicators, and build a prosperous and equitable society.

The Senate of Pakistan, Therefore, urges upon the Government to engage in multi-sectoral collaboration, involving all Governmental agencies including Provincial Governments, civil society organizations, and relevant stakeholders to work collectively towards achieving sustainable population growth and gender equality".

Moved by Senator Sania Nishtar
Unanimously passed by the Senate of
Pakistan Islamabad, the 24th July, 2023.