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ORDINANCE NO. XXXVII OF 2007

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to amend the National Commission for Human Development Ordinance, 2002

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the National Commission for Human Development Ordinance, 2002 (XXIX of 2002), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly is not in session and the President is satisfied that the circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the National Commission for Human Development (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 4 Ordinance XXIX of 2002.**—In the National Commission for Human Development Ordinance, 2002 (XXIX of 2002), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 4, for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) The Chairman shall, unless he resigns from office earlier, hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for such term or terms as the President may determine:

Provided that the Chairman shall cease to hold office on attaining the age of sixty-five years or the expiry of the term whichever is earlier.”

3. **Amendment of section 5, Ordinance XXIX of 2002.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 5, for sub-section (2) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) A member shall, other than the representative of the Ministry of Finance, unless he resigns from office earlier, hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for such term or terms as the President may determine:

Provided that the Member shall cease to hold office on attaining the age of sixty-five years or the expiry of the term whichever is earlier.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

National Commission for Human Development was established under NCHD Ordinance 2002 to formulate, approve, manage, promote, enhance, implement, execute, monitor and organize its support programmes and projects for assistance of the line Ministries, Departments and agencies concerned, inter-alia, for:-

- i. Capacity building, training and enhancement of competence; government functionaries and line departments and governmental organizations working in the social sectors, specially under District governments;
- ii. Literacy and non-formal basic education programmes supported by skills training programmes for income generating activities;
- iii. Programmes to assist in universal primary education;
- iv. Programmes to assist in primary health-care;
- v. Programmes to assist in alleviation of poverty;
- vi. National volunteer programme to assist in the social sectors.

2. Under Section 4(2) of NCHD Ordinance, 2002, the term of Chairman NCHD was 5 years and under Section 5(2) of the *ibid* Ordinance, the Members of the Commission could continue to work during the pleasure of the President as their tenures were not fixed. Therefore, the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) amendment Ordinance No. XXXVII of 2007 was promulgated by the President. Under the amended ordinance the tenures of chairman and members of the Commission have been fixed for three years and are eligible for re-appointment for such term or terms as the President may determine provided that chairman and members will cease to hold office on attaining the age of 65 years or the expiry of the term which ever is earlier.

3. The ordinance seeks to achieve the aforesaid objective of fixing the terms for the chairman and members of the Commission

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