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*further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (No. XVII of 2010).*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (No. XVII of 2010), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad High Court, (Amendment) Act, 2016.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of section 3, Act XVII of 2010.**- In the Islamabad High Court Act (No. XVII of 2010), in section 3, in sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-  
"Provided that one fourth of the total number of judges of the Islamabad High Court shall be women."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Women are under-representation in Pakistan's legal profession, particularly in the superior judiciary. It is noted that only 5.8% of High Court Judges in the country were women, and to date, no woman had been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court or as Chief Justice of any of the High Courts. Keeping in mind the fact, a Bill had been submitted to National Assembly for mandatory representation of women in the Supreme Court, the Bill was referred to Standing Committee on Law; the Bill was deliberated by the Committee, and suggested that initially we must start giving representation to women in the High Courts. Therefore, it is proposed through this Bill to give due representation to women in Islamabad High Court.

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