

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2016.

1. Chairman of the Standing Committee on Human Rights, have the honor to present this report on the Act further to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 (VIII of 2012)[The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment)Bill, 2016{Amendment of sections 4 & 8, Act VIII of 2012}], referred to the Standing Committee on 23-02-2016.

2. The Committee comprises the following members:-

1)	Mr. Babar Nawaz Khan	Chairman
2)	Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub	Member
3)	Sayed Essa Nori	Member
4)	Begum Tahira Bukhari	Member
5)	Ms. Farhana Qamar	Member
6)	Ms. Phyllis Azeem	Member
7)	Ms. Surriya Asghar	Member
8)	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
9)	Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli	Member
10)	Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi	Member
11)	Ms. Amra Khan	Member
12)	Dr. Fehmida Mirza	Member
13)	Dr. Shazia Sobia	Member
14)	Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar	Member
15)	Ms. Munaza Hassan	Member
16)	Mr. Sajid Nawaz	Member
17)	Kanwar Naveed Jameel	Member
18)	Ms. Kishwer Zehra	Member
19)	Ms. Aliya Kamran Murtaza	Member
20)	Mrs. Naseema Hafeez Panezai	Member
21)	Minister for Human Rights	Ex-officio Member

3. The Standing Committee in its meeting held on 20th October, 2016 considered the National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2016. The Committee unanimously recommends that the National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2016, as introduced in the National Assembly (Annex-A) be passed.

Sd/-
(ABDUL JABBAR ALI)
Secretary

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(BABAR NAWAZ KHAN)
Chairman
Standing Committee

Islamabad, the 29th November, 2016.

{AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY}

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to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 (VIII of 2012) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 4, Act VIII of 2012.**- In the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 (VIII of 2012), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 4, after sub-section (5), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:-

“(6) A vacancy of Chairperson shall be filled as provided in this Act within thirty days of the occurrence of the vacancy.”

3. **Amendment of section 8, Act VIII of 2012.**- In the said Act, in section 8, the words “or until the appointment of a new Chairperson, whichever is earlier”, shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The National Commission on the Status of Women was established to protect the rights of women, which is more than half of the total population of the country. It is noteworthy that any statutory body can play its due role, if it is given due/sanctioned workforce. The Chairperson of the National Commission on the Status of Women has central place to make sure results oriented performance of the Commission; however, the law does not give a time frame to the Government to appoint permanent Chairperson of the Commission, therefore, the effectiveness of the Commission is undermined. Likewise, the present Commission has been working without a permanent Chairperson for the last many months. Therefore, it is needed that the existing law of Commission should be amended to give a clear time frame to the Government to appoint Chairperson to make the Commission more effective.

Sd/-

**DR. NIKHAT SHAIKEEL KHAN
MR. MUHAMMAD MUZAMMIL QURESHI
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MEMBERS, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.**