

[AS LAID IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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*further to amend the National Counter Terrorism
Authority Act, 2013*

WHEREAS it is expedient to further to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 (XIX of 2013) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS the Senate and National Assembly are not in session and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that 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, namely:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Ordinance shall be called the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 3, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 (XIX of 2013), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3, sub-section (2) shall be omitted.

3. **Substitution of section 5, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the said Act, for section 5, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“Board of Governors.—(1) The Authority shall have a Board of Governors comprising—

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| (a) Minister In-charge of Interior Division | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (b) Secretary, Interior | <i>Member</i> |
| (c) Secretary, Defence Division | <i>Member</i> |
| (d) Secretary, Law and Justice Division | <i>Member</i> |
| (e) Secretary, Finance Division | <i>Member</i> |
| (f) One senator to be recommended by Chairman Senate | <i>Member</i> |
| (g) One member National Assembly to be recommended by Speaker National Assembly | <i>Member</i> |
| (h) Director General, Intelligence Bureau | <i>Member</i> |
| (i) Director General, Federal Investigation Agency | <i>Member</i> |
| (j) Director General (CT), Inter-Services-Intelligence | <i>Member</i> |
| (k) Rep of Directorate General, Military Intelligence (Not less than DG) | <i>Member</i> |
| (l) National Coordinator of the Authority | <i>Member</i> |

(m) Home Secretaries of the Provinces of Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) *Members*

(n) Inspector General of Police of Provinces of Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, ICT, Gilgit-Baltistan and State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir *Members*

(2) The National Coordinator of the Authority shall act as the Secretary to the Board.

(3) The Board may invite any person to the meeting on special invitation.”

4. **Amendment of section 6, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the said Act, in section 6,—

(i) sub-section (1) and sub-section (2) shall be omitted; and

(ii) in sub-section (3), in the proviso, the expression “notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (6),” shall be omitted.

5. **Amendment of section 8, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the said Act, in section 8, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“8. **Executive Committee.**—(1) The Board shall be assisted by an Executive Committee comprising the following, namely:—

(a) National Coordinator, NACTA *Convener*

(b) Additional Secretary, Finance Division *Member*

(c) Additional Secretary, Interior Division *Member*

(d) Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs *Member*

(e) Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice *Member*

(f) Additional Secretaries Home of the Provinces of Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Rep of Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) *Member*

6. **Amendment of section 9, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the said Act, in section 9, in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government” the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

7. **Amendment of section 10, Act XIX of 2013.**—In the said Act, in section 10, in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government” the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

There has been a surge of terrorist activities in the recent months in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, which necessitates greater coordination of the Ministry of Interior with all stakeholders, through NACTA on war footings. Therefore, keeping in view the exigencies of national security / internal peace and order, some amendments are required in NACTA ACT, 2013 for changing reporting hierarchy of NACTA, to make it more efficient and effective organization.

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