



PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, 2017

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PREFACE

In pursuance of motions adopted by the National Assembly on 21st March, 2017 and the Senate on 28th March, 2017, the hon'ble Speaker, in consultation with the hon'ble Chairman, Senate, constituted Parliamentary Committee on National Security, comprising Leaders of Parliamentary Parties in the National Assembly and the Senate (or their nominees), under the chairmanship of the hon'ble Speaker. The Committee was notified on 13th April, 2017. The Committee consists of 33 Members and Chairman.

The Committee in its first meeting held on 11th May, 2017, **under the Chairmanship of Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan**, made these Rules for regulating its procedure.

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**RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR
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ON
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1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) These rules may be called the Rules of Procedure for the Parliamentary Committee on National Security, 2017.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**—(1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

“**Assembly**” means the National Assembly of Pakistan;

“**Chairman**” means the Speaker of the National Assembly or any person who is presiding at a sitting of the Committee;

“**Committee**” means the Parliamentary Committee on National Security constituted in pursuance of the Motions of the National Assembly adopted on 21st March, 2017 and the Senate on 28th March, 2017;

“**Constitution**” means the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

“**Gazette**” means the Gazette of Pakistan;

“**Member**” means a member of the Committee;

“**Motions**” mean the motions adopted by the National Assembly on 21st March, 2017 and the Senate on 28th March, 2017;

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"Secretary" means the Secretary of the National Assembly and includes any person for the time being performing duties of the Secretary to the Committee;

"Senate" means the Senate of Pakistan;

"Sitting" means a meeting of the Committee; and

"Speaker" means the Speaker of the National Assembly.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning assigned to them in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007.

3. Composition of the Committee.— (1) The Committee shall consist of leaders of Parliamentary Parties in the National Assembly and the Senate (or their nominees), under the Chairmanship of the Speaker, as have been notified in the National Assembly Secretariat's Notification No.F.15(2)/2017-Com-I dated 13th April, 2017.

(2) The Speaker may make changes in the composition of the Committee as and when required.

(3) If the Chairman is not present at any sitting, the Committee shall choose one of its members present to act as Chairperson for that sitting.

4. Functions of the Committee.— The Committee -

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- (a) will discuss issues relating to National Security of urgent nature;
- (b) will periodically review, monitor and oversee implementation of the National Action Plan with a view to ensuring its expeditious implementation; and
- (c) will monitor the process of transition from Military Courts to Civil Courts through criminal justice reforms.

5. Power to call for papers, records or documents.— (1) For the discharge of its functions, the Committee shall have the power to require the attendance of any minister, officer or official or such persons or the production of such documents, including classified records, information and assistance from any Government or Agency, as it may deem necessary.

(2) Subject to provisions of this rule, a witness summoned by an order signed by the Secretary shall appear before the Committee and produce such documents as are required by the Committee.

(3) The Committee may invite or summon or allow any person to appear before the Committee, having a special interest in any matter under its consideration and may hear expert views and hold public hearings, if necessary.

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6. **Sittings of Committee.**— (1) The Committee shall sit at such place, on such day and hour as the Chairman may fix.

(2) The Committee shall meet at least once in a month.

7. **Agenda and notices of meetings of Committee.**— The time table of business of the Committee and the agenda for each meeting of the Committee shall be determined by the Chairman.

8. **Quorum of a meeting.**— The quorum to constitute a sitting of the Committee shall be one-fourth of the total membership of the Committee.

9. **Meetings in camera.**— The meetings of the Committee shall be held in camera unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

10. **Adjournment of sittings of the Committee.**— (1) If, at the time fixed for any sitting of the Committee or at any time during any such sitting, the number of members present is less than the quorum, the Chairman shall either suspend the sitting for a time not exceeding one hour or adjourn the sitting.

(2) After the suspension of the sitting for an hour if the quorum is not complete, the meeting shall be adjourned.

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11. Recording of proceedings of the Committee.—

A summary of the record of the proceedings of the Committee shall be maintained by the Secretary.

12. Decision in Committee.— (1) All questions at a

sitting of the Committee shall be decided with consensus.

(2) In case of inability of the Committee to decide a

question with consensus, the question shall be decided by a majority of the total membership of the Committee. The Chairman shall, in the event of equality of votes, have a casting vote.

13. Information to be kept secret.— Any information

tendered before the Committee shall be treated as secret, unless the Committee, in the public interest, decides otherwise.

14. Restriction on publications etc. of

proceedings.— (1) The proceedings of the Committee shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open to inspection except with the permission of the Committee.

(2) The Committee may forward any of its recommendations, decision, reports to the Chairman Senate and Speaker National Assembly for the information of the members of the Senate and the Assembly.

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15. **Reports of the Committee.**— (1) The Committee will present its periodical reports to both Houses of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament).

(2) The Report may be either interim or final.

(3) The Report shall,—

(a) incorporate the views, if any, of the Committee members and experts;

(b) set forth the recommendations of the Committee together with list of participants, and note of dissent, if any; and

(c) be signed by the Chairman.

(4) The Government shall apprise the Committee of the action taken on the recommendations made by the Committee as soon as possible.

16. **Presentation of Report.**— The Report of the Committee, required to be presented under these rules, shall be presented by the Chairman or by any other member authorized by the Chairman on his behalf.

17. **Procedure of the Assembly to apply.**— In all matters not specifically provided for in these rules, the procedure of the Assembly shall apply with such modifications and variations as may be necessary to be determined by the Chairman.

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