

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON "THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017"

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Human Rights, have the honor to present this Report on the Bill further to amend the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012(XVI of 2012) [The National Commission for Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 16th May, 2017.

2. The Committee comprises of the following:

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. Kanwar Naveed Jameel	Member
17.	Ms. Kishwer Zehra	Member
18.	Ms. Aliya Kamran Murtaza	Member
19.	Mrs. Naseema Hafeez Panezai	Member
20.	Mr. Sajid Nawaz Khan	Member
21.	Minister for Human Rights	Ex. officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill placed at Annexure "A", referred to it, in its meeting, held on 23rd May, 2017. The Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill placed at Annex "B" may be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-
(JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 3rd October, 2017

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(BABAR NAWAZ KHAN)
Chairman
Standing Committee on Human Rights

AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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