

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE ON THE JOINT MARITIME INFORMATION ORGANIZATION BILL, 2019

I, the Chairman of Standing Committee on Defence have the honor to present this report on the Bill to provide for constitution and regulation of the Joint Maritime Information Organization [The Joint Maritime Information Organization Bill, 2019(Government Bill) referred to the Committee on 13th September, 2019.

2. The Committee consists the following: -

1.	Mr. Amjid Ali Khan	Chairman
2.	Mr. Tahir Sadiq	Member
3.	Chaudhary Farrukh Altaf	Member
4.	Syed Faiz-ul-Hassan	Member
5.	Ms. Kanwal Shauzab	Member
6.	Mr. Aurangzeb Khan Khichi	Member
7.	Mr. Jamil Ahmed Khan	Member
8.	Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani	Member
9.	Syed Amin-ul-Haque	Member
10.	Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Mahar	Member
11.	Ms. Rubina Irfan	Member
12.	Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir	Member
13.	Mr. Riaz ul Haq	Member
14.	Mr. Muhammad Khan Daha	Member
15.	Mr. Alam Dad Laleka	Member
16.	Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada	Member
17.	Mr. Khursheed Ahmed Junejo	Member
18.	Mr. Aftab Shahban Mirani	Member
19.	Mir Amer Ali Khan Magsi	Member
20.	Mr. Salahuddin Ayubi	Member
21.	Mr. Pervez Khattak, Minister for Defence	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill placed at Annexure-‘A’ in its meeting held on 16th October, 2019 and recommends that it may be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-
(TAHIR HUSSAIN)

Secretary
Islamabad, the 8th January, 2020

Sd/-
(AMJID ALI KHAN)
Chairman
Standing Committee on Defence

[AS REPORTED BY STANDING COMMITTEE]

A

Bill

to provide for constitution and regulation of the Joint Maritime Information Organization

WHEREAS it is expedient to constitute a Joint Maritime Information Organization to synergize efforts of all organizations and agencies, information sharing for Maritime Security and to provide for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, extent, application and commencement.** -(1) This Act may be called the Joint Maritime Information Organization Act, 2019.
 - (2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.
 - (3) It shall apply to all Ministries, Divisions, departments and agencies related to maritime sector including the law enforcement agencies at sea, specified in Schedule-I to this Act.
 - (4) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Definitions.**-(1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- (a) "concerned agencies" means those agencies, departments, Divisions and Ministries which are specified in Schedule-I;

- (b) "Director" means the officer in command of JMICC appointed under sub-section (2) of section 3;
- (c) "Joint Maritime Information Organization" or "JMIO" means the Joint Maritime Information Organization established under section 3;
- (d) "Joint Maritime Information and Coordination Centre" or "JMICC" means the Joint Maritime Information and Coordination Centre, established under clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 5;
- (e) "maritime interests of Pakistan" includes rights, control, jurisdiction and sovereignty over maritime zones and the sovereign rights of Pakistan to explore, exploit, conserve, manage the living and non-living resources and other activities for economic exploitation, exploration and to safeguard the unauthorized exploitation of resources of Pakistan seas, sub-soil and prevention thereto from damage through pollution or any other means;
- (f) "maritime zones" mean the territorial sea, the contiguous zone, continental shelf and exclusive economic zone of Pakistan as defined in the Territorial Waters and Maritime Zones Act, 1976 (LXXXII of 1976), or any other zone or area declared as such by the Federal Government and includes the internal waters;
- (g) "maritime domain awareness" means the effective understanding of anything associated with the maritime domain that could impact the security, safety, economy or environment of the country;

(h) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act; and

(i) "rules" means rules made under this Act.

(2) All words and expressions used but not defined in this Act shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as assigned thereto by the Pakistan Navy Ordinance, 1961 (XXXV of 1961).

3. Constitution of Organization.-(1) The Federal Government may by notification in the official Gazette, constitute a Joint Maritime Information Organization (JMIO).

(2) The JMIO shall consist of a Director to be appointed by the Naval headquarters from amongst the officers of Pakistan Navy and such other officers and members of the staff for smooth functioning of the organization as may be prescribed.

(3) The head of concerned agency shall be authorized to appoint, depute or attach officers including civilian officers and other members of the staff to JMIO and duties to be performed by these officers or staff may be determined by the Director.

(4) The JMIO shall be manned by officers and staff of Pakistan Navy and representatives of concerned agencies on deputation or attachment from respective concerned agency.

4. Control, superintendence, command and administration of the JMIO.- Subject to overall control of the Division to which business of defence of Pakistan stands allocated and superintendence of the Pakistan Navy, the command and administration of JMIO shall vest in JMIO and shall be exercised by the Director as its chief executive in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder.