

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES ON THE CHINA PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR AUTHORITY BILL, 2020.

1. Chairman of the Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives have the honour to present this report on the Bill to provide for the establishment of China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority [The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Bill, 2020] (Govt. Bill) referred to the Committee on 29th October, 2020.

2. The Committee comprises the following: -

1)	Mr. Junaid Akbar	Chairman
2)	Mr. Sher Akbar Khan	Member
3)	Mr. Saleh Muhammad	Member
4)	Mr. Shaukat Ali	Member
5)	Syed Faiz-ul-Hassan	Member
6)	Mr. Nawab Sher	Member
7)	Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan	Member
8)	Sardar Nasrullah Khan Dreshak	Member
9)	Dr. Seemi Bokhari	Member
10)	Mr. Imran Khattak	Member
11)	Chaudhry Salik Hussain	Member
12)	Mr. Muhammad Sajjad	Member
13)	Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary	Member
14)	Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhary	Member
15)	Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar	Member
16)	Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja	Member
17)	Syed Murtaza Mahmud	Member
18)	Mr. Naveed Dero	Member
19)	Syed Agha Rafiullah	Member
20)	Mr. Abdul Shakoor	Member
21)	Mr. Asad Umer	Ex-Officio Member
	Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives	

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed at Annex-A in its meetings held on 10th and 17th November, 2020. The Committee recommends that the Bill as introduced may be passed by the Assembly. Note of Dissent submitted by Mr. Muhammad Sajjad, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhary, Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar and Syed Agha Rafiullah is placed at Annex-B.

Sd/-
(Tahir Hussain)
Secretary

Islamabad, the 29th December, 2020

Sd/-
(JUNAID AKBAR)
Chairman

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to provide for the establishment of China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority for the purposes hereinafter appearing and to provide for matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

**CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY**

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Act, 2020.

- (2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.— In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context.—

- (i) "Authority" means the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority established under section 3;
- (ii) "Budget Committee" means the committee as provided under sub-section (4) of section 16;
- (iii) "Chairperson" means the chairperson of the Authority appointed under section 6, and includes any person performing for the time being the functions of the Chairperson;
- (iv) "Executive Director Operations" means the Executive Director Operations appointed under section 8;
- (v) "Executive Director Research" means the Executive Director Research appointed under section 9;
- (vi) "Government" means the Federal Government;
- (vii) "Joint Cooperation Committee" means the Committee jointly headed by the Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Vice Chairperson of the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China;
- (viii) "Joint Working Group" means the working group constituted and working under the Joint Cooperation Committee;

- (ix) "Member" means a Member of the Authority appointed under section 7 and shall include the Chairperson, Executive Director Operations and Executive Director Research;
- (x) "misconduct" means misconduct as defined in the rules made pursuant to the Civil Servants Act, 1973 (Act LXXI of 1973);
- (xi) "Principal Accounting Officer" shall mean the person specified in sub-section (3) of section 16;
- (xii) "record" includes an account, book, return, statement, document, report, chart, table, diagram, form, survey, image, invoice, letter, map, agreement, memorandum, plan, voucher, financial and non-financial information, and anything containing information, whether in writing, digital or in electronic form or represented or reproduced by any other means, and recording of details of electronic data processing systems and programs to illustrate what the systems and programs do and how they operate;
- (xiii) "regulations" means the regulations made under section 25 of this Act; and
- (xiv) "rules" means the rules made under section 24 of this Act.

CHAPTER II ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUTHORITY

3. Establishment of the Authority. — (1) The Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish an authority to be known as the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority, for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Authority shall carry out its functions, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and shall report to the Prime Minister through its Division concerned.

(3) The Authority shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to enter into contracts within its budgetary allocation following all the applicable rules and regulations, acquire or dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and may, by its name, sue or be sued.

(4) The head office of the Authority shall be at Islamabad.

4. Powers and Functions of the Authority.— (1) In addition to such other powers and functions as may be assigned under this Act, the Authority shall be responsible for planning, facilitating, coordinating, enforcing, monitoring, and evaluating the smooth implementation of all activities related to the China Pakistan Economic Corridor, in accordance