

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to provide for the establishment of International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology 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 shall be called the International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology Act, 2022.

(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) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the Institute;
- (ii) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the Institute specified or set up in terms of section 20;
- (iii) "Board of Governors" means the Board of Governors of the Institute;
- (iv) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the Institute;
- (v) "Company" means Techdamics (Pvt) Limited registered under section 16 of Companies Act, 2017 with Security & Exchange Commission (SECP) of Pakistan vide registration number 0164833;
- (vi) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission set up under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- (vii) "Constituent College" means an educational institution, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the Institute;

- (viii) "Dean" means the head of a Faculty or the head of an academic body granted the status of a Faculty by this Act or by the Statutes or Regulations;
 - (ix) "Department" means a teaching department maintained and administered, or recognized by the Institute in the manner prescribed;
 - (x) "Director" means the head of an institute established as a constituent institution by the Institute by Statutes or Regulations in terms of the powers delegated by this Act;
 - (xi) "Faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the Institute consisting of one or more schools, as prescribed;
 - (xii) "Government" means the Federal Government;
 - (xiii) "Institute" means the International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology;
 - (xiv) "Institute Teacher" means a whole-time teacher appointed and paid by the Institute, or recognized by the Institute as such;
 - (xv) "Patron" means the Patron of the Institute;
 - (xvi) "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statutes, Regulations or Rules made under this Act;
 - (xvii) "Principal" means the head of a constituent unit/college;
 - (xviii) "Representation Committees" means the Representation Committees constituted under section 25;
 - (xix) "Review Panel" means the Review Panel set up by the Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
 - (xx) "Search Committee" means the Search Committee set up by the Board of Governors under this Act;
 - (xxi) "Schedule" means a Schedule to this Act;
 - (xxii) "Statutes, Regulations and Rules" mean the Statutes, Regulations and Rules made under this Act and for the time being in force;
 - (xxiii) "Syndicate" means the Syndicate of the Institute;
 - (xxiv) "Teachers" include Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and lecturers engaged whole-time by the Institute or by a constituent and such other persons as may be declared to be teachers by Regulations; and
- "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the Institute.

CHAPTER II THE INSTITUTE

3. Establishment and incorporation of the Institute. - (1) There shall be established an Institute to be called the International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology.

(2) The Institute shall consist of the following, namely: -

- (a) the Patron, the Chancellor, the members of the Board of Governors, Syndicate, and the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) the members of the authorities of the Institute established under section 17;
- (c) all Institute Teachers and persons recognized as students of the Institute in accordance with terms prescribed from time to time; and
- (d) all other full-time officers and members of the staff of the Institute.

(3) The Institute shall be a body corporate by such name as may be notified and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued by the said name:

(4) The Institute shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both moveable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the Institute shall have academic, financial and administrative autonomy, including the power to employ officers, teachers and other employees on such terms as may be prescribed, subject to the terms of this Act and the Higher Education Commission Act, 2002 (LIII of 2002). In particular, and without prejudice to the authority granted to the Commission by the law, the Government or an authority or auditor appointed by the Government shall have no power to question the policy underlying the allocation of resources approved by the Board of Governors in the annual budget of the Institute.

4. Powers and functions of the Institute. —The Institute shall have the following powers, namely. -

- (i) to provide for education and scholarship in such branches of knowledge as it may deem fit, and to make provision for research, service to society and for the application, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;

- (ii) to prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by it and the constituent colleges/units;
- (iii) to hold examinations and to award and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to and on persons who have been admitted to and have passed its examinations under prescribed conditions;
- (iv) to prescribe the terms and conditions of employment of the officers, teachers and other employees of the Institute and to lay down terms and conditions that may be different from those applicable to government servants in general;
- (v) to engage, where necessary, persons on contracts of specified duration and to specify the terms of each engagement;
- (vi) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner prescribed;
- (vii) to provide for such instruction for persons not being students of the Institute as it may prescribe, and to grant certificates and diplomas to such persons;
- (viii) to institute programmes for the exchange of students and teachers between the Institute and other institutes, universities, educational institutions and research organizations, inside as well as outside Pakistan;
- (ix) to provide career counselling and job search services to students and alumni;
- (x) to maintain linkages with alumni;
- (xi) to develop and implement fund-raising plans;
- (xii) to provide and support the academic development of the faculty of the Institute;
- (xiii) to confer degrees on persons who have carried on independent research under prescribed conditions;
- (xiv) to accept the examinations passed and the period of study spent by students of the Institute at other universities and places of learning equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the Institute, as it may prescribe, and to withdraw such acceptance;
- (xv) to co-operate with other Universities, public authorities or private organizations, inside as well as outside Pakistan, in such manner and for such purposes as it may prescribe;
- (xvi) to institute Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships and Lectureships and any other posts and to appoint persons thereto;
- (xvii) to create posts for research, extension, administration and other related purposes and to appoint persons thereto;