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[ AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ]

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Bill

*An Act to provide for the establishment of The Margalla International University.*

**Preamble:** whereas it is expedient to provide for the establishment of The Margalla International University in the private sector and matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is enacted as follows:-

**CHAPTER-I**  
**PRELIMINARY**

**1. Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Bill may be cited as the Margalla International University, Bill 2023.

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

**2. Definitions.**— In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions, shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:-

- i. “Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the University;
- ii. “Act” means The Margalla International University (MIU), Act 2023;
- iii. “Administrative Department” means the ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Islamabad;
- iv. “Authority” means any of the Authority of the University specified in terms of section 20;
- v. “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors (BoD) of the Company;
- vi. “Board” means the Board of Governors of the University;
- vii. “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board;
- viii. “Chairperson” means the head of an academic department and includes the Principal of a constituent college or Director of a constituent institute;
- ix. “Commission” means Higher Education Commission set up under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002(LIII of 2002);
- x. “Company” means the EDUFOCUS (Pvt.) Limited, a company incorporated under section 17 of the companies Act 2017 (XIX of 2017) of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan vide registration No. 0235387 dated 25-07-2023 as the sponsoring body of the University;
- xi. “constituent college” or “constituent institute” means a college or institute established, owned, maintained and administered by the University;
- xii. “Controller of Examinations” means the Controller of Examinations of the University;
- xiii. “Dean” means the head of a Faculty of the University;

- xiv. "department" means a teaching or research department maintained and administered, or recognized by the University in the manner as may be prescribed by Regulations;
- xv. "Director" means Head of an Institute established as a Constituent institute/college by the University;
- xvi. "Executive Committee" means Executive Committee of the University;
- xvii. "Faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the University consisting of one or more teaching departments or constituent colleges or constituent institutes as may be prescribed by Regulations;
- xviii. "Government" means Federal Government of the Pakistan;
- xix. "Officer" means an Officer of the University;
- xx. "Patron" means the President of the Pakistan;
- xxi. "prescribed" means prescribed by the Rules or Regulations made under the Act;
- xxii. "Principal" means the head of a constituent college/institute of the University;
- xxiii. "Pro-Rector" means the Pro-Rector of the University;
- xxiv. "Rector" means the Rector of the University;
- xxv. "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;
- xxvi. "Rules" and "Regulations" respectively mean the Rules and the Regulations made or deemed to have been made under the Act;
- xxvii. "Representation Committees" mean the Representation Committees constituted under section 31;
- xxviii. "Review Panel" means the Review Panel set up by the Patron or Chairman in accordance with the provisions of section 12;
- xxix. "Student" means a student of the University;
- xxx. "Search Committee" means the Search Committee constituted by the Board for making recommendations for the appointment of Rector;
- xxxi. "Teacher" means a Professor, an Associate Professor, an Assistant Professor, a Lecturer, teaching assistant, demonstrator or instructor, engaged whole time by the University and includes any other person declared by Regulations as teacher;
- xxxii. "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the University;
- xxxiii. "University" means The Margalla International University; and
- xxxiv. "University Fund" means there shall be fund of The Margalla International University.

## CHAPTER-II THE UNIVERSITY

**3. Establishment of the University.**— (1) There shall be established a University to be called The Margalla International University, located at Islamabad, in the Private sector.

(2) The University shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property and shall, by the said name, sue and be sued.

(3) The University shall consist of the following: —