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to provide for the establishment of Islamabad metropolitan University, Islamabad.

Preamble: whereas it is expedient to provide for the establishment of Islamabad Metropolitan University, Islamabad in the private sector and matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto.

CHAPTER-I
PRELIMINARY

1. **Short title and commencement.** – (1) This Act may be cited as the Islamabad Metropolitan University, Act 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:-
 - (a) “Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the University;
 - (b) “Act” means the Islamabad Metropolitan University, Act 2023;
 - (c) “Administrative Department” means the ministry of Federal Education & professional training;
 - (d) “Authority” means any of the Authority of the University specified in terms of section 18;
 - (e) “Board” means the Board of Governors of the University;
 - (f) “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board;
 - (g) “Chairperson” means the head of an academic department and includes the Principal of a constituent college or Director of a constituent institute;
 - (h) “Commission” means Higher Education Commission set up under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002(LIII of 2002);
 - (i) “Company” means the Edu Spades (Pvt.) Limited, a company incorporated under section 16 of the companies Act 2017 (XIX of 2017) of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan vide registration no. 0233777 dated 06-07-2023 as the sponsoring body of the University;
 - (j) “constituent college” or “constituent institute” means a college or institute established, owned, maintained and administered by the University;
 - (k) “Controller of Examinations” means the Controller of Examinations of the University;
 - (l) “Dean” means the head of a Faculty of the University;
 - (m) “department” means a teaching or research department maintained and administered, or recognized by the University in the manner as may be prescribed by Regulations;
 - (n) “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;
 - (o) “Government” means Federal Government of the Pakistan;
 - (p) “Officer” means an Officer of the University specified in terms of section 6;

- (q) "Patron" means the President of the Pakistan;
- (r) "prescribed" means prescribed by the Rules or Regulations made under the Act;
- (s) "Pro Rector" means the Pro Rector of the University;
- (t) "Rector" means the Rector of the University;
- (u) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;
- (v) "Search Committee" means the Search Committee constituted by the Board for making recommendations for the appointment of Rector;
- (w) "Rules" and "Regulations" respectively mean the Rules and the Regulations made or deemed to have been made under the Act;
- (x) "Student" means a student of the University;
- (y) "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;
- (z) "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the University; and
- (aa) "University" means the Islamabad Metropolitan University.

CHAPTER-II **THE UNIVERSITY**

- 3. Establishment of the University.-** (1) There shall be established a University to be called the Islamabad Metropolitan 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:-
- (a) Patron;
 - (b) Chairman, and Members of the Board;
 - (c) Rector;
 - (d) Pro-Rector;
 - (e) Members of Authorities;
 - (f) Deans and Chairpersons;
 - (g) Teachers and students of the University; and
 - (h) Officers and members of the staff of the University.
- 4. Powers and functions of the University.-** The University shall have the powers to:-
- (a) 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.;
Provided that the Board shall be competent to approve faculties and departments on the recommendation of Academic Council as it may determine, subject to the approval of the relevant statutory body of a professional education, where applicable.
 - (b) make provisions for the virtual and distance learning educational programs;
 - (c) offer joint degree programs in collaboration with national and international universities and educational institutions subject to prior approval of the Commission;