

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE PAKISTAN CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Government Bill), referred to the Committee on 25th October, 2024.

2. The Committee comprises the following:

1. Raja Khurram Shahzad Nawaz	Chairman
2. Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan	Member
3. Mr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary	Member
4. Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi	Member
5. Chaudhary Naseer Ahmed Abbas	Member
6. Syeda Nosheen Iftikhar	Member
7. Malik Shakir Bashir Awan	Member
8. Syed Rafiullah	Member
9. Sardar Nabeel Ahmed Gabol	Member
10. Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel	Member
11. Khawaja Izhar Ul Hassan	Member
12. Nawabzada Mir Jamal Khan Raisani	Member
13. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz -Ul- Haq	Member
14. Mr. Mohammad Jamal Ahsan Khan	Member
15. Mr. Nisar Ahmed	Member
16. Mr. Hussain Ellahi	Member
17. Sahibzada Muhammad Hamid Raza	Member
18. Mr. Muhammad Arshad Sahi	Member
19. Mr. Jamshaid Ahmed	Member
20. Ms. Zartaj Gul	Member
21. Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi	<i>Ex-officio</i> Member
Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control	

3. The Committee considered the Bill, as introduced in the National Assembly, placed at 'Annexure-A', in its meeting held on 23rd April, 2025, and recommended that the Bill, as introduced, may be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-

(Tahir Hussain)
Secretary General

Islamabad, the 03rd May, 2025

Sd/-

(Raja Khurram Shahzad Nawaz)
Chairman

AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

A

Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (II of 1951), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. – (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 14A, Act II of 1951. – In the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (II of 1951), in section 14A, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-sections shall be added, namely:-


“(3) Subject to notification by the Federal Government in the official Gazette under sub-section (3) of section 14, any person who has renounced citizenship of Pakistan under sub-section (1), may resume citizenship of Pakistan by making a declaration in the prescribed manner and upon making of such declaration he may thereupon become a citizen of Pakistan.

(4) Where declaration under sub-section (3) is made by a person, every minor child of such person whose citizenship has ceased under sub-section (2) may thereupon become a citizen of Pakistan.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

A large number of Pakistani Diaspora are complaining that they had to renounce their Pakistani citizenship as a condition for acquiring citizenship of a foreign country of residence or stay. Whenever such countries are entering into dual nationality arrangements with the Government of Pakistan, there is no provision within Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 which allows resumption of Pakistan citizenship. Therefore, amendments have been proposed in section 14-A of the said Act which will allow Pakistani Diaspora to resume their Pakistani Citizenship.

2. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.


(SYED MOHSIN RAZA NAQVI)
MINISTER