

## RESOLUTION

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On India's discriminatory Citizenship (Amendment), Act, 2019

**The National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan unanimously condemns** the India's Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, a discriminatory law enacted by Indian Parliament last week.

**Underlines** that the adoption of this Law is an indication of the dangerous extremists tendencies of the current government in India.

**States** that the controversial amendment is against international norms of equality and non-discrimination and International Human Rights Law as it seeks to set-up a religious based criteria for a group of citizenship;

**Further states** that this amendment is also against bilateral agreements and understandings between India and Pakistan particularly those on security and rights of minorities in the respective countries;

**Stresses** that the status of minorities in India remains deplorable and points to instances of persecution of minorities including mob lynchings, particularly targeting Muslims and low caste Dalits by cow-vigilantes from extremist Hindu organizations like Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal, schemes like GharWapsi and 'Love Jihad', and violence against Christians and other minorities;

**Underlines** that the new Act ostensibly tries to give the impression that it aims to provide protection to minorities from neighboring countries while ignoring the fact that the rights of minorities in India continue to be violated;

**Reiterates** that Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir is the only Muslim majority area in India where now 8 million innocent Kashmiris are collectively incarcerated and penalized by 900,000 Indian occupation forces; and face the danger of forced demographic change;

**Reaffirms** its solidarity and commitment to the people of Indian Occupied Kashmir in their just struggle for their rights to self-determination and reiterates its continuing political, moral and diplomatic struggle for this just struggle in line with United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

**Further reiterates** the recent anti-Muslim actions of the BJP/RSS led government like revocation of Article 370 from the Indian constitution and illegal annexation of the Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IOJ&K), and collective incarceration and violation of the rights of more than 8 million innocent Kashmiris at the hands of Indian occupation forces for the last four months, shifting the burden of proof of citizenship on minorities through the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam and rewarding those who vandalized the Babri Mosque in 1992 by relegating issue to Hindu faith;

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**Asserts** that extremist and fascist measures of BJP government in pursuit of Hindutva ideology are fast leading India into a Hindu Rashtra where the minorities, particularly Muslims are facing the brunt of persecution;

**Notes** with grave concern the Indian State's excessive use of force and violent response against protesters, in particular religious minorities and Muslim students in various parts of Indian.

**Condemns** the 2019 controversial Amendment Act to India's Citizenship Law in the strongest terms which is not only regressive and discriminatory but also interference in the affairs of neighboring countries;

**Rejects** India's patently false insinuation that minorities in Pakistan are not protected;

**Reiterates** that all minorities are equal citizens of Pakistan under its Constitution and enjoy equal protection of laws and continue to contribute actively to our collective national development and prosperity;

**States** that all institutions in Pakistan including the Parliament continue to mainstream our minorities and to promote their welfare;

**Calls upon** the international community including the United Nations, Human Rights Council, and other relevant Human Rights organizations to urge India to revoke this discriminatory Act and to protect and safeguard the rights of its minorities including Muslims.

**Calls upon** India, with specific regards, to the amendments through the Citizenship (Amendment Act) to:-

- i. Lift curfew and information blackout from Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir and respect UN Security Council Resolutions.
- ii. Revoke the discriminatory clauses in the Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019;
- iii. Immediately halt the brutal use of force against the religious minorities, in particular Indian Muslim students.
- iv. Release of peaceful protests detained under crackdown against minorities.
- v. Reverse all discriminatory measures and steps in order to allow minorities to live with dignity and safety.

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