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¹ACT NO LIX OF 1973

[11th August, 1973]

An Act to provide for the establishment of the Pakistan National Council of the Arts.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a Pakistan National Council of the Arts for the patronage, promotion and development of the Arts, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement. —(1) This Act may be called the Pakistan National Council of the Arts Act, 1973.

(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,—

(a) “artistic activity” means any activity so declared by the Federal Government by notification in the official Gazette;

(b) “Board” means the Board of Governors of the Council constituted under section 4;

(c) “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Council;

(d) “Council” means the Pakistan National Council of the Arts established under section 3; and

(e) “Director-General” means the Director-General of the Council.

3. Establishment of the Council. —(1) As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Council to be called the Pakistan National Council of the Arts.

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

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1973, Ext., Pt. III, p. 1205.

¹[4. **Board of Governors.**—(1) The management, overall control and supervision of the affairs of the council shall vest in a Board of Governor consisting of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Federal Minister-in-Charge of Culture who shall also be the Chairman;

(b) the Minister of State for Culture, who shall also be the Vice-Chairman:

Provided that, if there is no such Minister of State; the Federal Government may nominate any member of the Board to be the Vice-Chairman;

(c) the Secretary to the Government of Pakistan in the Division dealing with Culture;

(d) a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

(e) the Financial Adviser of the Division dealing with Culture;

(f) the Joint Secretary to the Government of Pakistan in the Division dealing with Culture;

(g) the Director-General;

(h) the Director of Archeology;

(i) the Managing Director, Pakistan Television Corporation;

(j) the Director-General, Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation;

(k) twenty persons, including five women, eminent in the fields of art and culture, to be nominated by the Chairman; and

(l) a member-secretary to be appointed by the Chairman.].

(2) The Board of Governors shall have powers to co-opt. members from amongst persons who are specialists in their respective field, for advice on particular projects and matters under consideration.

(3) The members of the Board, excepting the *ex-officio* members, shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination, as the case may be.

(4) A member of the Board, other than an *ex-officio* member, may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman, resign his office.

(5) Any casual vacancy in the office of a member other than an *ex-officio* member shall be filled by a person nominated by the Federal Government and the person so nominated shall hold office for the unexpired period of the term of his predecessor.

¹ Subs. by the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1979 (61 of 1979), s. 2, for sub-section (1).