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*further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Insertion of Article 38A in the Constitution.-** In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, after Article 38, the following new Article shall be inserted, namely:-

**"38A. Identification, preservation, conservation, restoration, and access for all to National Heritage Sites of Pakistan.-** The State shall.-

- (a) identify and declare National Heritage Sites;
- (b) take appropriate measures for preservation and conservation of National Heritage Sites, the survival of which is at potential or imminent risk;
- (c) preserve the National Heritage by means encompassing techniques, treatments, procedures and technologies of any nature, preventive and remedial, aiming at the preservation of the information and signs of culture contained therein;
- (d) ensure access for all to the National Heritage Sites; and
- (c) take all necessary measure against all human and natural dangers to which these are exposed."

## **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Pakistan is endowed with a large number of ancient sites and historic structures which comprise its National Heritage. These historic assets create links with the past and present, and make the country a treasure-house of heritage spanning over centuries. As the custodians it is incumbent upon the State of Pakistan to stabilize and conserve these for future generations. Such historical sites which comprise the National Heritage of Pakistan are of educational, cultural, and social values for all and contribute in human development. The Constitution, for the aforesaid purpose, must provide for the measures to be taken by the State regarding identification, protection/preservation, conservation, and restoration of such sites, and ensure access for all.

The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution for the above purposes.

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