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further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021 (XXV of 2021) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 6, Act XXV of 2021.- In the Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021 (XXV of 2021), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 6,-

(i) for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(1) A certificate of registration issued by the registration authority shall be valid for two years from the date of issuance which shall be renewable after every two years on submission of annual progress reports, audited accounts, application form, fee and such other documents as may be prescribed."; and

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the words "**following year**", the words "**preceding two years**" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 9, Act XXV of 2021.- In the said Act, in section 9, in sub-section (3), for the words "**Urdu and English**", the words "**Urdu or English**" shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 15, Act XXV of 2021.- In the said Act, in section 15, in sub-section (4), the word "**annual**" shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021, was enacted to substitute the obsolete law and make effective provisions of registration and regulation of Charities in the territorial limits of Islamabad. However, the statute prescribes that the certificate of registration issued by the registration authority ought to be renewed each year. Such provision is unrealistic and impractical as the requisite of documentation provided in concerned section for application of renewal is extensive and demands sufficient time to fulfill the obligation. The instant amendment addresses the above anomaly in the law and increases the validity of the certificate of registration from one year to two years, in order to make it practical and executable.

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