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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

Islamabad, the 29th December, 2024

F. No. 2(1)/2024-Pub.—The following Ordinance promulgated on 28th December, 2024 by the President is hereby published for general information:—

ORDINANCE NO. XI OF 2024

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further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860, in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS, the Senate and the National Assembly are not in session and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

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NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title, commencement and extent.**—(1) This Ordinance shall be called the Societies Registration (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(3) It shall extend to the entire Islamabad Capital Territory.

2. **Amendments of section 21, Act XXI of 1860.**—In the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act XXI of 1860), in section 21,—

(A) in sub-section (1),—

- (i) in clause (a), for the word “shall”, the word “may” shall be substituted and the word “and” at the end shall be omitted;
- (ii) in clause (b), for the word “shall”, the word “may” shall be substituted and after the words “under this Act”, the expression “or otherwise,” shall be inserted and for full stop at the end, the expression “; and” shall be substituted; and
- (iii) after clause (b), amended as aforesaid, the following new clause (c) shall be inserted, namely:—

“(c) those Madaris and Wafaqs already registered or desirous to register themselves directly with Directorate General of Religious Education, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, shall be reckoned to have been registered and shall be dealt with accordingly under the relevant dispensations.”;

(B) in sub-section (5), after the expression “resources,” the words “accord priority to” shall be inserted;

(C) in sub-section (6), after the words “under this Act”, the words “or otherwise” shall be inserted; and

(D) in sub-section (7), after the words “under this Act”, the words “or otherwise” shall be inserted.

ASIF ALI ZARDARI,
President.

RAJA NAEEM AKBAR,
Secretary.