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GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

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NOTIFICATION

Karachi, the 21st June, 2000.

No. SLEGIS:1(VI)/2000.—The following Ordinance made by the Governor of Sindh is hereby published for general information:

THE IQRA UNIVERSITY ORDINANCE, 2000

SINDH ORDINANCE NO, VI OF 2000.

**AN
ORDINANCE**

to provide for the establishment of a University at Karachi known as the Iqra University.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a University at Karachi known as the Iqra University and to provide for matters ancillary thereto;

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Assembly stands suspended in pursuance of the Proclamation of the fourteenth day of October, 1999, and the Provisional Constitution Order No.1 of 1999;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Sindh is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the aforesaid Proclamation and the Provisional Constitution Order read with the Provisional Constitution (Amendment) Order No.9 of 1999, instructions of the Chief Executive and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor of Sindh is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

CHAPTER-I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Iqra University Ordinance, 2000.
- (2) It shall come into force at once.

Definition.

2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-
 - (1) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
 - (2) "Authority" means any of the authorities of the University specified in section 9;
 - (3) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the University;
 - (4) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;
 - (5) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
 - (6) "College" means a college and includes an institution in which arrangements exist for imparting instructions in general, technical professional education or other disciplines of higher learning and such other subjects as may be prescribed;
 - (7) "Dean" means the Head of a Faculty;
 - (8) "Director" means the Head of an Institute;
 - (9) "Faculty" means a Faculty of the University;
 - (10) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
 - (11) "Institute" means an institute maintained and administered by the University;
 - (12) "Officer" means any of the officers of the University specified in section 4;
 - (13) "prescribed" means prescribed by statutes, regulations or rules;
 - (14) "President" means the President of the University;

- (15) "Professor Emeritus" means a retired Professor appointed by the chancellor on honorary basis;
- (16) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;
- (17) "Society" means the Shmen Education Society, Karachi, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, vide Certificate of Registration No.0726 dated 23rd day of July, 1986;
- (18) "statutes regulation and rules" means respectively the statutes, regulations and rules made under this Ordinance;
- (19) "Teaching Department" means a teaching department established and maintained or recognized by the University;
- (20) "University" means the Iqra University.

CHAPTER-II

THE UNIVERSITY

3. (1) There shall be established a University to be called the Iqra University, Karachi, consisting of the Patron, the Chancellor, the Chairman and member of the Board, the President, the Deans, the Chairmen of the teaching departments and members of the Academic Council and such other officers as may be prescribed.
- (2) The University shall be a body corporate by the name of Iqra University having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, among others to acquire hold and dispose of any property vesting in it and shall by the said name, sue and be sued.
- (3) The University shall be open to all persons of either sex, of whatever religion, race, creed, class, colour or domicile who are academically qualified for admission to the courses of study offered by the University and no such person shall be denied the privilege on the ground only of sex, religion, creed, race, class, colour or domicile.
- (4) The University shall have the following powers to be exercised subject to the instructions of the Government-
- (i) to provide for instructions in general, technical, professional education, or other disciplines of higher learning, and other subjects as may be prescribed, and in such branches of learning as it may deem fit for the advancement of knowledge as it may determine; provided that the Faculty of Medicine may be established only after the approval of the Pakistan Medical & Dental Council;
- (ii) to admit and examine students and to confer or

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- award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions on and to persons, who have passed its examination under prescribed conditions;
- (iii) to prescribe courses of studies and undertake research as it may determine;
 - (iv) to control the discipline of the students of the University and the Institute in the prescribed manner;
 - (v) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner prescribed;
 - (vi) to affiliate or associate with other institutions and establish Faculties and teaching department to discharge its functions and responsibilities for the betterment of education;
 - (vii) to provide and support other facilities for education, professional training and research;
 - (viii) to establish campus, faculties and institutes;
 - (ix) to receive and manage property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments and other contributions made to the University and to invest them in such manner as it may deem fit;
 - (x) to enter into agreements, contracts and arrangements with Government organizations, institutions, bodies and individuals for carrying out its functions and activities;
 - (xi) to demand and receive such fees and other charges as it may determine;
 - (xii) to appoint members of the various bodies and committees for instructional and co-curricular activities;
 - (xiii) to appoint such officers including teachers and members of the staff as necessary and prescribe terms and conditions and powers and duties of such officers and staff; and
 - (xiv) to do all such other acts and things as may be requisite to further the objectives of the University as a place of education and learning.

CHAPTER-III

OFFICER OF THE UNIVERSITY

- 4 The following shall be the officers of the University-
- (1) The Patron;
 - (2) the Chancellor;
 - (3) the Chairman;
 - (4) the President;
 - (5) the Deans;
 - (6) the Directors;
 - (7) the Chairmen of the Teaching Departments;
 - (8) the Registrar;
 - (9) the Director of Finance;
 - (10) the Librarian;
 - (11) the Controller of Examination;
 - (12) the Resident Auditor; and
 - (13) such other persons as may be prescribed to be officers of the University.
5. (1) The Governor of Sindh, shall be the Patron of the University
- (2) The Patron shall, when present, preside at the convocations of the University
- (3) Every proposal to confer an honorary degree shall be subject to confirmation by the Patron.
6. (a) The Patron may cause an inspection or inquiry to be made in respect of any matter connected with the affairs of the University and shall, from time to time, direct any person or persons to inquire into or carry out inspection of:
- i) the University, its building, laboratories, libraries and other facilities;
 - ii) any institution, department or hostel, if any, maintained by the University;
 - iii) the adequacy of financial and human resources;
 - iv) the teaching, research, curriculum, examination and other matters of the University; and
 - v) such other matters as may be specified by him.

Officers of the University

Patron.

Visitations

- (b) The Patron shall communicate to the respective Board his views with regard to the result of visitation and shall, after ascertaining the views of the respective Board, advise the Board on the action to be taken by it.
- (c) The respective Board shall, within such time as may be specified by the Patron, communicate to him such action, if any, as has been taken or may be proposed to be taken upon the results of visitation.
- (d) Where the respective Board does not, within the time specified, take action to the satisfaction of the Patron, the Patron may issue such directions as he deems fit and the respective Board shall comply with all such directions.
- (e) The Patron shall have full powers to take any action as he may deem fit against the institution, including its closure, if found indulging in any subversive or unlawful activity.

Chancellor

7. (1) The Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by the Patron from a panel of three persons of eminence known for their contribution in the field of knowledge or education recommended by the Society.

(2) The Chancellor, in the absence of the Patron shall preside at the Convocation of the University.

(3) If the Chancellor is satisfied that the proceedings of any Authority or orders of any officers are not in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, the statutes, the regulations, or the rules, he may, after calling upon such Authority, or officer to show cause why such proceedings should not be annulled, by order in writing, annul such proceedings or orders.

The President.

(4) Should the Chancellor be incapacitated from acting as such due to absence or any other cause, the President shall act for him.

The President

8. (1) The President, who shall be a prominent educationist and scholar with sufficient experience in the relevant field, shall be appointed by the Chancellor for such period and on such terms and conditions as the Chancellor may determine.

(2) The President shall be the principal academic and administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible for proper implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance, directions of the Patron, the Chancellor, and the decisions of the Board and execution of the policies and programmes of the Board.

- (3) The President may, in an emergency which in his opinion requires immediate action, take such action as he may consider necessary and shall, thereafter as soon as possible, report his action to the officers, authority, or other body, which in the ordinary course would have dealt with matter.
- (4) At any time when the office of the President is vacant, or the President is absent or is unable to perform the functions of the office due to illness or some other cause, the Chancellor shall make such arrangement for the performance of the duties of the President as he may deem fit.
- (5) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers the President shall also have the following powers-
- (i) to create and fill temporary posts for a period not exceeding six months
 - (ii) to sanction all expenditure provided for in the approved budget and to re-appropriate funds within the same major head of expenditure;
 - (iii) to sanction/re-appropriate an amount not exceeding fifty thousand rupees for an unforeseen item not provided for in the budget and report it to the Board at the next meeting;
 - (iv) to appoint paper setters and examiner for all examination of the University after receiving panels of names from the relevant authorities;
 - (v) to make such arrangement for the security of papers, marks and results as may be necessary;
 - (vi) to direct teachers, officers and other employees of the University to take up such assignments in connection with teaching, research, examination and administration and as such other activities in the University as he may consider necessary;
 - (vii) to delegate, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be prescribed, any of his powers under this Ordinance to an officer or other employee of the University;
 - (vii) to appoint employees of such categories in respect of which powers have been delegated to him by the Board; and
 - (viii) to exercise and perform such other powers and functions as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER-IV

AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Authorities.

9. The following shall be the Authorities of the University-

- (1) The Board of Governors;
- (2) the Academic Council;
- (3) the Boards of Faculties;
- (4) the Board of Advanced Studies and Research;
- (5) the Boards of Studies;
- (6) the Selection Board;
- (7) the Finance and Planning Committees; and
- (8) such other Authorities as may be prescribed.

Board of Governors.

10. (1) The general supervision and control of the affairs of the University and its powers to lay down policies shall vest in the Board consisting of the following:-

- (a) The Chancellor shall be the Chairman of Board.
- (b) A Judge of the High Court nominated by the Chief Justice High Court of Sindh.
- (c) The Chairman of the University Grants Commission or his nominee.
- (d) The Vice Chancellor of a University or an eminent scholar to be nominated by the Chancellor.
- (e) The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Education Department or his nominee.
- (f) Director Finance who shall act as Secretary of the Board.
- (g) President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- (h) One scientist of International repute to be nominated by the Board of Governors.
- (i) Three persons nominated by the Society.

(2) A nominated member shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination on the expiry of his term

(3) The office of a nominated member shall become vacant if he resigns or fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without sufficient cause or leave of absence or his nomination is changed by the authority which had nominated him.

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(4) A casual vacancy of members shall be filled by person nominated by the authority which had nominated the member whose vacancy is to be filled.

(5) No act or proceedings of the Board shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of a vacancy in or a defect in constitution of the Board.

11 (1) The Board shall exercise and perform the powers and functions as follows-

Powers and
functions of the
Board.

- (i) to hold control and administer the property, funds, assets and resources of the University;
- (ii) to transfer and accept transfer of movable or immovable property on behalf of the University;
- (iii) to consider and approve, on the advice of the Finance and Planning Committee, the annual and revised budget estimates and to lay down guidelines or rules of business dealing with financial matters;
- (iv) to approve, carry out, vary or cancel contracts on behalf of the University;
- (v) to initiate and approve schemes for achievement of the objectives of the University;
- (vi) to determine the form, and regulate the custody and use of common seal of the University;
- (vii) to create professional research and administrative posts and such other posts as may be required to carry out the purposes of the University and to suspend or abolish such posts;
- (viii) to appoint teachers, researchers and officers on the recommendations of the Selection Board;
- (ix) to suspend, punish and remove from service the University employees whom it is empowered to appoint in the manner prescribed after due inquiry and defence;
- (x) to propose statutes for submission to the Chancellor;
- (xi) to approve regulations or rules on the recommendations of the appropriate bodies; and
- (xii) to determine, regulate and administer all other matters concerning the University and, to this end, exercise all necessary powers not specifically mentioned in this Ordinance or the statutes, the regulations or the rules.

(2) The Board may delegate any of its powers to an Authority or officers, or a committee or a sub-committee

Meetings of the Board

12. (1) The Board shall meet at least twice in a year on the dates to be fixed by the Chairman; provided that a special meeting may be called at any time on the direction of the Chairman or on a requisition made by not less than six members of the Board to consider a matter of urgent nature.

(2) Not less than ten clear days' notice of a special meeting shall be given to the members of the Board and the agenda of the meeting shall be restricted to the matter for which the special meeting is called.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be one half of its members, a fraction being counted as one.

(4) The decisions of the Board shall be expressed in terms of the views of the majority of the members present and voting and, if the members are equally divided, the Chairman shall have and exercise a casting vote.

Academic Council

13. (1) The Academic Council shall consist of-

- (i) the President who shall be the Chairman;
- (ii) the Deans;
- (iii) the Directors;
- (iv) the Chairmen of the teaching departments;
- (v) One nominee of Education Secretary;
- (vi) the University Professors including Professors Emeritus;
- (vii) the Registrar who shall be the Secretary;
- (viii) the Librarian;
- (ix) the Controller of Examinations;
- (x) two eminent scholars nominated by the Board, and
- (xi) two persons of eminence to be nominated by the Chancellor.

(2) A nominated member shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination.

(3) The office of a nominated members shall become vacant if he resigns or fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council without sufficient cause or leave of absence or when his nomination is changed by the nominating authority

(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be one third of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

Powers and duties of the Academic Council

14. (1) The Academic Council shall be the highest academic body of the University, and shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and statutes, have power to lay down standards of instruction, research and examination, and to regulate and promote the academic life of the University.

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- (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Council shall have the power-
- (i) to advise the Board on academic matters;
 - (ii) to regulate the admission of students to the courses of studies and examinations;
 - (iii) to propose to the Board, schemes for the constitution and organization of colleges, faculties, teaching departments, institutes and Boards of studies;
 - (iv) to consider or formulate proposals for the planning and development of teaching and research in the University;
 - (v) to make regulations on the recommendations of the Boards of Faculties and the Boards of Studies, prescribing the courses of studies and the syllabi for all University examinations; provided that, if the recommendations of Boards of Faculties and Boards of Studies are not received by the prescribed date, the Council may, subject to the approval of the Board, continue for the next year the courses of studies already prescribed for an examination;
 - (vi) to recognize examinations of other University of examining bodies as equivalent to corresponding examinations of the University;
 - (vii) to frame regulations for submission to the Board;
 - (viii) to appoint members to the various authorities in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and to perform such other function as may be prescribed by statutes.

15. The constitution, functions and powers of the authorities for which no specific provision or insufficient provision has been made in this Ordinance shall be such as may be prescribed by statutes

Constitution, functions and powers of other authorities

16. The Board, the Academic Council and other authorities may appoint such standing, special or advisory committees, as they may consider advantageous in the performance of their function.

Appointment of committees by the authority

CHAPTER-V

STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND RULES

17.

Statutes.

- (1) Subject to provisions of this Ordinance, statutes may be made to regulate or prescribe all or any of the following matters, namely:-

