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I. Name

The name of the Society is Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan ("Society").

II. Location

The registered office of the Society is situated at Plot# 18-C, 2nd Floor, Office No. 202, Zamzama Lane#2, Phase 5, Defence Housing Authority, Karachi, Pakistan.

III. Territory

The Society will work within the territory of Pakistan. It shall initially operate in Karachi. However, branches, chapters or liaison offices will be established in other parts of the Country from time to time. **IV. Objects**

The objects for which the Society is established are:

1. To promote, support, undertake and pursue public interest litigation in Pakistan.
2. To provide legal assistance and services to, inter alia, government and non-government institutions, local/traditional groups/communities and individuals to enhance and support their efforts and endeavours to safeguard and uphold human, public and fundamental rights.
3. To promote awareness and to disseminate knowledge and information relating to public interest issues, and publicise the relevant substantive and procedural laws pertaining to such issues.
4. To decide on and pursue public interest litigation by identifying issues, locating suitable petitioners, collecting reliable data and conducting solid research, identifying relevant local laws, researching international precedents, identifying the appropriate forum as well as assess the cost of such litigation.
5. To seek to provide effective judicial protection to the weaker sections of the society.
6. To endeavour to improve government accountability and transparency.
7. To improve governance at various levels of government, its agencies and departments.



8. To endeavor to ensure that the state functionaries uphold the Rule of Law.
9. To endeavor to ensure that the state provides the basic fundamental rights/amenities to all citizens and all persons for time being in Pakistan including, inter alia, clean drinking water and air, basic education, health care, and infrastructure (roads & sewer, etc.) facilities.
10. To seek that the state levies taxes on all who have the capacity to pay in a just, fair and equitable manner.
11. To seek that the government uses taxpayers money in the best interests of the masses.
12. To remedy the democracy deficit.
13. To work towards expediting the pace of social and economic reforms.
14. To seek access to justice for the underprivileged.
15. To work towards protection and sustenance of democratic governance and the Rule of Law.
16. To advance fundamental rights including, inter alia, freedom of association and speech as well as right of access to information and records of government organizations.
17. To educate and lobby with the establishment including the executive and the legislature to improve legislations in order to provide justice, fair opportunities and basic fundamental rights to the masses.
18. To educate the civil society and the masses regarding their rights and the role that society should play in protecting these rights.
19. To persuade the Government to ensure inexpensive and expeditious justice to the masses, as required under Article 37(d) of the Constitution of Pakistan.
20. To follow up and monitor to ensure that the judgements of the Courts in public interest cases are properly executed at all levels.
21. To promote the development, effectiveness, and enforcement of human and fundamental rights.
22. To provide, promote, or facilitate legal aid and assistance in public interest litigation cases.
23. To render formal, informal, structural and non-structural legal training and assistance to various groups and at all levels related to public interest.



24. To organize appropriate courses, develop and maintain documentation facilities, research and informative materials, publications of books, journals, reports, newsletters, and other forms for mass communication.
25. To provide policy advice and guiding principles, with or without the payment of fees as it may deem appropriate, to federal, provincial, or local governments, international agencies, banks, non-governmental organizations, community organizations, civic groups, business or labor organizations, cultural associations, and other public or private institutions or individuals on matters relating to public interest.
26. To serve as a source of expertise and advisory services for the government, private sector, and non-government initiatives for the protection and enhancement of public interest.
27. To induce and assist, without any political affiliation or involvement, in the promulgation and implementation of national, provincial, and local laws, policies, rules and regulations on public interest by spreading awareness in the public, officials and private sectors to ensure equitable and just development.
28. To propagate and promote research activities, to disseminate research findings through appropriate media on the issues and opportunities in public interest, and to publish journals, reports, pamphlets, books, research papers, statistical publications, and research indexes and to prepare and exhibit video films in furtherance of the objectives stated herein.
29. To sponsor and organize lectures, conferences, seminars, executive workshops, teaching and training courses, educational programs and similar other activities on subjects having theoretical or practical relevance with the objectives stated herein.
30. To collaborate with other regional or international organizations in organizing lectures, conferences, seminars, executive workshops, teaching and training courses, educational programs and similar other activities and making use of their facilities and infrastructure with their prior approval, for the furtherance of any of its objectives.
31. To publish periodically, or as often as feasible within the overall resource constraints, a comprehensive report on public interest law and issues and development covering important areas of public concern, which may include water, air, soil, forests, dams, population, health, education, nutrition, agriculture and industry, urbanization and migration, public finance, poverty and distribution, institutions and governance among others.
32. To establish, subsidize, promote, co-operate with, receive into the Society, become



