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SENATE SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 17th August, 2020

No. F. 9(26)/2020-Legis.—Pursuant of sub-rule (4) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the following reports of the Standing Committee presented to the Senate on 17th August, 2020, is published for information:—

**REPORT OF SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS
CONTROL ON THE CONTROL OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Narcotics Control have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Bill further to amend Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), **The Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2020**” referred by the House to the Standing Committee on Narcotics Control in its sitting held on 13th August, 2020, for consideration and report.

2. The Committee comprises the following:—

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1. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	<i>Chairman</i>
2. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	<i>Member</i>
3. Senator Saleem Zia	<i>Member</i>
4. Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	<i>Member</i>
5. Senator Lt. Gen. Abdul Qayyum HI (M) Retd.	<i>Member</i>
6. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	<i>Member</i>
7. Senator Seemee Ezdi	<i>Member</i>
8. Senator Aurangzeb Khan	<i>Member</i>
9. Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	<i>Member</i>
10. Senator Brig. ® Mr. John Keeneth Williams	<i>Member</i>
11. Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	<i>Member</i>
12. Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	<i>Member</i>
13. Minister In-charge for Communications	<i>Ex-officio Member</i>

3. The Committee considered and discussed the said Bill in its meeting held on 17th August, 2020, at Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen. The following Members of the Committee attended the meeting:—

1. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	<i>Member</i>
2. Senator Saleem Zia	<i>Member</i>
3. Senator Lt. Gen. Abdul Qayyum HI (M) Retd.	<i>Member</i>
4. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	<i>Member</i>
5. Senator Seemee Ezdi	<i>Member</i>
6. Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	<i>Member</i>
7. Senator Brig. ® Mr. John Keeneth Williams	<i>Member</i>
8. Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	<i>Member</i>

4. After due deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Bill titled as, “The Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2020” as passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the Senate may be passed by the House.

5. Copy of the Bill is annexed as Annexure.

Sd/-
(ZARGHOONA SHABBIR),
DS/ Secretary Committee.

Sd/-
SENATOR
(SARDAR MUHAMMAD SHAFIQ TAREEN),
Chairman Committee.

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[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act shall be called the Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 12, Act XXV of 1997.**—In the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), in Section 12, in clause (c) after the word “declaration”, the words “or by employing any other means of concealment.” shall be inserted.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

That Pakistan has been given final lifeline by Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to meet the deficiencies with regard to Money Laundering (ML) and Terrorists Financing highlighted by Asian Pacific Group (APG).

That *vide* para-41 of recommendation No.3 of Mutual Evaluation Report (MER) 2019 (Copy Enclosed), FATF has observed a minor deficiency in Section 12 of Control of Narcotics Substances (CNS) Act, 1997 that it restricts the acts of concealment or disguise by making false declaration. It is highlighted that as per section 12 (c) of CNS Act, 1997, the scope/ applicability of the said section has been confined to “making false declaration with regard to ownership, source, location or true nature of assets”. Moreover, during the meeting held at Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU), it was intimated that legal regime of Pakistan with regard to ML and TF is largely complaint, however, in case the deficiencies are not met, it may result into negative impact upon the efforts undertaken by Pakistan to comply with the requirements/observations of FATF.

MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI,
Minister for Narcotics Control.

DR. SYED PERVAIZ ABBAS,
Secretary.