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GILGIT-BALTISTAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Gilgit, the 3rd September, 2012

REGULATION OF MASAJID ACT, 2012

(ACT. NO. VI OF 2012)

Preamble.—Whereas it is expedient in the larger public interest and for the supreme cause of peace and communal harmony in Gilgit-Baltistan and to streamline functioning of mosque and maintain its sanctity and matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**—

(a) This Act shall be called Gilgit-Baltistan Regulation of Masajid Act, No. VI of 2012.

(b) It shall extend to whole of Gilgit-Baltistan

(c) It shall come into force at once.

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2. **Definitions.—**

(a) "Khateeb" Shall be a person who agrees to the provisions of this Act and duly nominated by respective Masjid Board.

(b) "Jama Masjid" means Central Mosques of all sects of each city duly notified by the Government.

(c) "Government" means Government of Gilgit-Baltistan

(d) "Naib Khateeb" shall be a person duly nominated by respective Masjid Board.

(e) "Masjid Board" means a board consisting of ten (10) members duly nominated by respective communities, approved and notified by the Government.

(f) "Government Servant" means a person who is duly appointed in the service of Government of Gilgit-Baltistan and shall also include employees of autonomous, semi-autonomous bodies and corporations.

3. Khateebs of Ahile Tashee and Ahle Sunnat and their Naib Khateebs as the case may be, shall bound themselves, that they shall not injure the feelings of any Muslim brethren from the Member-e-Rasool, and also make it sure through their words acts that they shall restrain themselves absolutely from uttering any thing against Khulfaai Rashideen (Hazarat Abubakar Siddiq, Hazart Umer Farooq, Hazrat Usman Ghani, Hazrat Ali Asadullah), Azwaj-e-Mutahirat, Aimma-e-Athaar, (Hazrat Ali, Hazrat Hassan, Hazarat Hussain, Hazarat Zainul Abideen, Hazrat Baqir, Hazrat Jafar-e-Sadiq, Hazrat Musa Kazim, Hazrat Ali Raza, Hazrat Muhammad Taqi, Hazrat Hassan Askari, Hazrat Mehdi Akhir-uz-Zaman), Ahel-e-Bait, Umahat-e-Momineen and Sahaba-e-Kiram. They shall also declare such acts un-Islamic and against the Shariah and declare that both Shia and Sunni sects have joint faith in the Holy Quran as Ghair Muharraf, and declare, believer of Tehreef-e-Quran as Kharij az Islam.

4. Khateeb Jama Masjid Ahl-e-Sunnat shall be bound to propagate that Fiqa-e-Jaffaria is a Sect of Islam, provided they have faith in fundamentals of Islam, (Zaroriyat-e-din), any act of violence against life and property of any Shia Muslim, on the basis of sect, shall be un-Islamic and against Shariah.

5. Khateeb Jama Masjid Ahl-e-Tashee shall be bound to propagate that Ahl-e-Sunnat is a Sect of Islam provided they have faith in fundamentals of

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Islam, (Zaroriyat-e-din), any act of violence against life and property of any Suni Muslim on the basis of sect shall be un-Islamic and against the Shariah.

6. (a) Respective Khateebs of Ahl-e-Sunnat and Ahl-e-Tashee shall refrain from demanding distribution of administrative and other government posts on the basis of Sect, Moreover, they shall refrain from interfering into administrative and other Government affairs. They shall also declare merit as the sole standard.

(b) Khateebs of respective Masajid shall refrain from issuing statement and making announcements against law enforcing agencies including Police, Rangers, G-B Scouts and Pak Army.

7. Respective Khateebs of Ahl-e-Tashee and Ahl-e-Sunnat and other religious scholars of respective sects shall ensure that in case of any act of violence or terrorism, they shall not protect any culprits, nor they shall run a campaign to collect money for the protection of any of aforesaid acts of violence or the culprit committing such acts of violence or terrorism, rather they shall be bound to declare all of aforesaid acts of violence as un-Islamic and against Shariah.

8. Use of loudspeakers shall be confined only to the extent of Azan. Provided that for the purpose of Khutba and Majalis the voice of loudspeaker shall be kept confined only to the extent of premises of respective Masajid and Imambargahs.

9. Neither Shia, nor Sunni shall declare each other as Kafir nor they both shall declare the sister communities as Kafir and the respective Khateebs shall run a campaign to create awareness in this regard.

10. Masjids are places of worship. Khateebs of respective Masajid shall maintain the sanctity of Masajid (Mosques) and other places of worship and should not let these to become centers of active, (electoral) politics and in future they shall not announce and implement any protest, strike, wheel-jam, and dharna etc to achieve their political goals.

11. There shall be a complete ban on dissemination of provocative news through news papers SMS, internet and other social media in Gilgit-Baltistan.

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12. Khateebs of respective Masajid shall ensure protection of all citizens of Gilgit-Baltistan (Shia, Sunni, Ismaili, Noor Bakhshi and Ahl-e-Hadith) living as sister communities in their respective majority areas.

13. Khateebs of respective Masajid shall refrain from using Government servants to achieve their sectarian gains and shall not oppose or support them on the basis of Sect.

14. Masajid Boards of Ahl-e-Sunnat and Ahl-e-Tashee shall have a mandatory joint session after every three months, wherein Khateebs of respective Masajid shall also participate.

15. The Masajid Boards shall work as a bridge between the public and the Government, in order to harness peace and harmony among the general public.

16. Any violation of provisions of this Act, except Sections-14 and 15, shall be cognizable offences under Section-8 of AT A 1997 and punishable under Section-9 of AT A 1997.

17. The Government shall frame rules from time to time for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

18. The original text of Zabita duly agreed approved and signed by members of Parliamentary Committee for Peace and respective Masjid Boards and their Khateebs is annexed and shall deem to be an integral part of this Act.

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