

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

PRESS RELEASE

Islamabad, the 7th August, 2018.- The Election Commission of Pakistan has drawn attention to sub-clause (d) of Clause (6) of Article 51 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which provides that the members to fill seats reserved for women which are allocated to a Province shall be elected through Proportional Representation System of Political Parties' lists of candidates on the basis of total number of general seats won by each political party from the Province concerned in the National Assembly. Sub-Clause (e) further provides that the members to fill seats reserved for non-Muslims shall be elected through Proportional Representation System of political parties list of candidates on the basis of total number of general seats owned by each political party in the National Assembly.

2. The aforesaid provisions of the Constitution further provide that the total number of general seats shall include the independent returned candidate or candidates who may duly join such political party within three (3) days of the publication in the official Gazette of the names of the returned candidates.

3. Accordingly the following procedure may be adopted:

- i. An independent returned candidate may join any political party, if he or she so desires, through a written consent to the leader of the political party for joining his party by **9th August, 2018.**
- ii. The party leader of the political party shall inform the Election Commission of such joining of an independent candidate through a letter to be addressed to the Election Commission.
- iii. Each independent candidate shall also submit an affidavit stating that he or she is joining a particular political party voluntarily and without any coercion (sample attached).
- iv. The affidavit shall be duly sworn before the Oath Commissioner and shall be deposited with the Provincial Election Commissioner concerned or with the Deputy Director (Cord), Election Commission of Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad in person.

Affidavit

I,.....s/o/w/o/d/o.....r/o.....
.....bearing CNIC..... do hereby solemnly
affirm that having been elected as a member of National/Provincial Assembly
from.....as an independent candidate I have joined
.....,unconditionally, voluntarily, and without any coercion. I may be
treated as a member of.....(Party) henceforth. I shall follow
the party discipline and constitution of the party.

Signature of Candidate

Sworn/declared on solemn affirmation before this.....day of.....
by.....who is personally known to me/who has been identified by
.....who is personally known to me.

**Oath Commissioner
Attestation**