



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
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Agha Khan Road, Islamabad.



Islamabad, the 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

Subject: APPEAL TO RECONSTITUTE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW  
NIKAHNAMA FORM AND CHILD MARRIAGE RESTRAINT ACT,  
1929

It is of grave concern to NCHR that a Committee formed by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony to look into matters concerning women and children does not have the relevant representation of women and child specialists within its members. The Nikahnama form and Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 are primarily women's issues and as such no committee should be constituted without the inclusion of women and child specialists.

2. NCHR requests that this committee be reconstituted with a bare minimum of 50% seats reserved for women, gender experts, and child rights' representatives to adequately represent the interests of the populations affected by these deliberations and recommendations.

3. The National Commission for Human Rights hopes that this matter is accorded the highest priority and looks forward to a quick response.

Sincerely,

(Rabiya Javeri Agha)  
Chairperson (NCHR)

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony,  
Government of Pakistan,  
Islamabad