

**The  
Electronic  
Transactions<sup>1</sup> Ordinance, 2002  
<sup>2</sup>(Ordinance No. LI of 2002)**

[11<sup>th</sup> September, 2002]

*AN*

**ORDINANCE**

*to recognize and facilitate documents, records,  
information, communications and transactions in electronic form,  
and to provide for the accreditation of certification service providers.*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to provide for the recognition and facilitation of documents, records, information, communications and transactions in electronic form, accreditation of certification service providers,

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<sup>1</sup> The Ordinance was validated by Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan inserted *vide* the Constitution (Seventeenth Amendment) Act, 2003, assented by the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2003, and published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extraordinary, Part I, on Wednesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2003, at pages 149-153.

<sup>2</sup> This Ordinance was made and promulgated by the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2002. It was issued by the Ministry of Law, Justice, Human Rights and Parliamentary Affairs (Law, Justice and Human Rights Division) *vide* F. No. 2(1)/2002-Pub., dated the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2002, and published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Extraordinary, Part I, Islamabad, on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2002, at pages 1127-1149. The Ordinance was validated under Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan inserted *vide* Article 3 and Serial No. 26. of the Schedule of the Legal Framework Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. 24 of 2002), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2002.

## CHAPTER 6

### AMENDMENTS OF CERTAIN LAWS

28. **Amendment of Act XVII of 1996.**— (1) In the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organisation) Act, 1996 (XVII of 1996), clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 57 shall be omitted.

(2) Any provision in any licence issued by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority under the aforesaid Act prohibiting the provision or use of cryptography services shall cease to have effect subject to provisions of this Ordinance.

29. **Amendment of Presidential Order No. X of 1984.**— For the purposes of this Ordinance, the Qanun-e-Shahadat Order, 1984 (P.O. No. 10 of 1984) shall be read subject to the amendments specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance.

30. **Extension to electronic forms.**— Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the expressions "attestation", "books", "books of accounts", "certificate", "charts", "deed", "document", "document of title", "execution", "instrument", "ledger", "map", "original", "plans", "publish", "record", "register", "seal", "signature", "witnessing", "words", "writing", or other words assuming paper or other tangible medium in relation thereto, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, extend to electronic forms thereof.