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WAQF ACT

[Date of assent: 24th February, 2022.]

[Date of commencement: 21st March, 2022.]

AN ACT of Parliament to provide for the establishment of the *Waqf* Commission; to provide for the administration of *waqf* property and for connected purposes

[Act No. 8 of 2022.]

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Waqf* Act, 2022.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—

"alim" means a Muslim scholar;

"Commission" means the *waqf* Commission established under section 5;

"Director-General" means the Director-General appointed under section 11 (1);

"general administration account" means an account whose funds are used for the general administration and management of the Commission;

"maintenance and reserve account" means an account whose funds are used for preservation and maintenance of *waqf* property;

"Muslim" means a person who professes the Islamic faith;

"surplus account" means the account established under section 24;

"trustee" means a person, whether alone or jointly with another, administering any *waqf* property;

"waaqif" means a person who endows his property or cash as the subject of a *waqf*;

"waqf" means a religious, charitable or benevolent endowment or dedication of any property in accordance with Islamic law, and **"awqaf"** means more than one *waqf*;

"waqf ahli" means a *waqf* made for the benefit of an individual or a family, or for the performance of a rite or ceremony that is recognised by Islamic law;

"waqf khairi" means a *waqf*, other than a *waqf* ahli, made for a public purpose recognised by Islamic law;

"waqf mushtaraq" means a *waqf* which is made in part for the benefit of an individual or a family and in part for a public purpose that is recognised by Islamic law; and

"Zakat" means payment made annually under Islamic law on certain kinds of property and used for charitable and religious purposes as a third pillar of Islam.