

The Political Parties Ordinance, 1978

(Ordinance NO. XLV OF 1978)

An Ordinance to provide for the formation and regulation of political parties.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the formation and regulation of political parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamations of the 20th August, 1975, and 8th November, 1975, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:-

- Short title** 1. This Ordinance may be called the Political Parties Ordinance, 1978.
- Definitions** 2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-
- (a) "foreign aided party" means a political party which-
- (i) has been formed or organised at the instance of any Government or political party of a foreign country; or
- (ii) is affiliated to or associated with any Government or political party of a foreign country; or
- (iii) receives any aid, financial or otherwise, from any Government, political party or national of a foreign country;
- (b) "political party" includes a group or combination of persons who operate under a distinctive name and who hold themselves out for the purpose of propagating any political opinion or engaging in any other political activity.
- Formation of certain political** 3. (1) No political party shall be formed with the object of propagating any opinion, or acting in a manner, prejudicial to the sovereignty, integrity or