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# **Government-Opposition Dynamics in Pakistan: Collaboration on the Thirteenth Constitutional Amendment Bill**

## **ABSTRACT**

Working relationship of government and opposition is indispensable for the success of the political system. Pakistan has chequered history on this subject. Both government and opposition never abide by the rules of the game within the parliamentary framework. The government always tried to suppress opposition and in consequence opposition always tried to commune with extra-constitutional powers to bring down the government of the day. Yet there were few instances in the history of Pakistan when both collaborated. Both unanimously passed the Constitution of 1973 and the Thirteenth Constitutional Amendment in the National Assembly. That was the historic moment of the repealing the Article 58(2)b in the Eighth Amendment on 1 April 1997. The present paper is an attempt to explore the circumstances leading to the repeal of the above article and the

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