## CECOS UNIVERSITY HAS ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY FOR HARASSMENT

CECOS University is dedicated to cultivating an all-encompassing and supportive learning atmosphere for its entire community. In accordance with The Higher Education Commission's (HEC) Policy on Protection against Sexual Harassment in Higher Education Institutions, CECOS adheres to a strict zero-tolerance policy for any inappropriate behavior that infringes upon the dignity of any individual within the institution.

Established to safeguard against sexual harassment, the inquiry committee fosters a harassment-free environment by implementing comprehensive policies and procedures, providing CECOS members with a safe space to report any concerns.

Harassment-free learning, research, and scholarship are fundamental rights for all CECOS community members. The committee confidential and fair investigative process protects complainants and the accused. A united community effort is crucial to eliminate harassment from educational institutions.

Complainant can report to their Head of Department (HoD) office, the Office of Student Affairs, or the Convener/Secretary of the Harassment Committee OR directly file the complaint using the following e-mail address. Details of the complainant shall be kept confidential.

## osa@cecos.edu.pk

If you experience or witness any kind of harassment whether it is based on race, or gender, STAND UP and SPEAK UP about it. You have the RIGHT to Feel SAFE.

## **Useful links:**

- 1. <u>The Protection Against Harassment of Women at The Workplace Act, 2010.</u>
- 2. <u>Protection Against Harassment of Women at The Workplace (Amendment)</u> <u>Act, 2022.</u>
- 3. <u>HEC Policy On Protection Against Sexual Harassment in Higher Education</u> <u>Institutions.</u>
- 4. Inquiry Committee against Sexual Harassment at CECOS University.