**The Objectives Resolution of 1949**

In 1949, Pakistan adopted the Objectives Resolution, which defined the principles on which the new state would be based. It emphasized the importance of upholding Islamic principles and values, setting the stage for the country's identity as an Islamic republic. Liaquat Ali Khan, the first Prime Minister of Pakistan, moved the resolution.

**Main Features of Objective Resolution**

* Sovereignty belongs to Almighty Allah alone.
* Constitution is to be framed for Sovereign Independent Pakistan.
* Power will be exercised through elected Representatives of People.
* Democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance, and social justice will be as dictated by Islam.
* Enabling Muslims to live in accordance with the teachings of Islam.
* Minorities will have total freedom to profess and practice their religion and develop their culture.
* Pakistan shall be a Federation with autonomous units. State’s sovereignty and territorial integrity will be protected.
* People of Pakistan should prosper and attain their rightful place in the comity of nations and make contribution towards international peace and progress and happiness of humanity.

**Importance of Objective Resolution**

* Sovereignty of Allah was declared as distinctive political philosophy
* Minorities were given their due rights and respect in the federation of Pakistan
* It provided a framework for future constitutions of Pakistan
* It embraced the centrality of Islam in the constitutional framework
* It remained the preamble of all constitutions of Pakistan

**Objections Raised by Non-Muslims**

* Government trying to mix religion with politics and was against the spirit of democracy
* Sovereignty of Allah will promote inequality in the society
* They viewed Sharia as it was not in compliance with modern time
* It will encourage the establishment of a theocratic state