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His Excellency Shaukat Aziz,
Prime Minister,
Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

Re: UN Convention against Corruption

Dear Prime Minister,

On 14 December 2005 the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) entered into force and has now been ratified by 70 states. Pakistan is not thus far among those that have ratified. With this letter we would like to urge the Government of Pakistan to give the highest priority to ratification of the UNCAC ahead of the Conference of States Parties due to take place in December 2006. To participate fully in that Conference, the Government of Pakistan must deposit its instrument of ratification by 10 November 2006.

The UNCAC is a landmark global agreement, which calls for preventive measures and the criminalisation of the most prevalent forms of corruption in both the public and private sectors, as well as providing the framework for international cooperation so essential for addressing the corruption problem. It also makes a major breakthrough in establishing a better basis for asset recovery.

The first session of the Conference of States Parties for the UNCAC will take place at the Dead Sea in Jordan on 10-14 December 2006. The Conference in Jordan will shine a spotlight on the corruption problem and on which governments are making efforts to address it. Ratifying the UNCAC before December will demonstrate to the world that your Government is committed to the international fight against corruption. It will also ensure that your Government has a seat at the table when important decisions are made in December on UNCAC monitoring and technical assistance.

We would also like to encourage your Government to support prompt introduction of effective monitoring of UNCAC, combined with assistance to developing countries to enable them to live up to the standards the Convention sets. Monitoring provides a range of benefits to participating Governments, including guidance on how to implement, a forum for discussion of issues and sharing of good practice, assistance in addressing difficulties and public recognition of progress made. Given the importance of monitoring and technical assistance, TI has prepared the attached Report, drawing on advice from an international group of experts. The Report highlights the need for adequate resourcing of the process, for transparency in the process and for coordination with other monitoring systems. It suggests that the process should begin with government self-evaluation and a survey of implementation. We believe that the proposals in the Report provide a basis for building an international consensus on monitoring.

We would be very interested in hearing your Government's views on the above-mentioned proposals and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Huguette Labelle
Chair of Transparency International


Syed Adil Gilani
Chairman of Transparency International-
Pakistan

August 1st, 2007

Mr. Naveed Ahsan,
Chairman,
National Accountability Bureau,
Attaturk Avenue, G-5/2,
Islamabad.

Subject: Checklist for UNCAC

Dear Mr. Ahsan,

Recently we received an email from Ms. Huguette Labelle, Chairperson Transparency International emphasizing the importance of UNCAC Checklist which she had attached.

In our meeting with the Prime Minister Mr. Shaukat Aziz on July 14th, 2007 he had informed us that the cabinet had approved ratification of the UNCAC and directed the Additional Secretary (EA) Mr. Jaweed Akhtar to follow the ratification process. We contacted Mr. Akhtar regarding the UNCAC checklist, and he advised us to send it to you. A soft copy has to be forwarded to UNODC in Vienna on their software, which they say has been conveyed to GOP.

We request you to kindly get the document completed so as to reach UNODC within the stipulated time.

Best Regards,



✓ Saad Rashid
Executive Director
Transparency International – Pakistan

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THE PRESIDENT
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETINGS

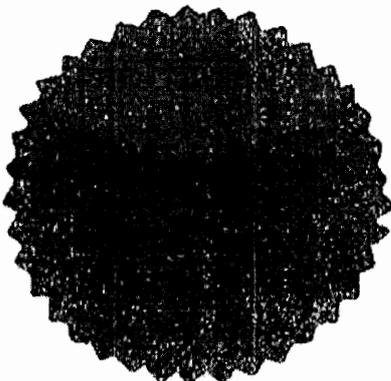
KNOW YE, that whereas, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has signed the United Nations Convention Against Corruption on 9th December 2003.

AND, WHEREAS, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has decided to ratify the said Convention with Reservations and Notifications, as annexed to this Instrument of Ratification and forming its integral part.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, do by this Instrument of Ratification, confirm that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has ratified the said Convention subject to the contents of the Annex.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

DONE at Islamabad this 11 day of August in the year two thousand and Seven.



(GENERAL PERVEZ MUSHARRAF)

RESERVATION AND NOTIFICATIONS

Reservations

Article 44: The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan declares that pursuant to Article 44, Paragraph 6, of the Convention, it does not take this Convention as the legal basis for cooperation on extradition with other States Parties.

Article 66: The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan declares that, pursuant to Article 66, Paragraph 3 of the Convention, it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article.

Notifications

Article 6: In accordance with Article 6, Paragraph 3, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan nominates National Accountability Bureau as the authority which will develop and implement specific anti-corruption measures in the country and cooperate at international level.

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Article 46: Pursuant to Article 46, Paragraph 13, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan designates National Accountability Bureau as a central authority to receive all requests for mutual legal assistance from other States Parties under the Convention. All such requests shall be in English or shall be accompanied by an official translation in English

Article 55: Pursuant of Article 55, Paragraph 5, a copy of the National Accountability Ordinance 1999 is attached to this document. Section 21 of the said Ordinance, read with preamble (paragraph on international cooperation) covers the requirement of Article 55