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PLEDGE TO THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN

WE, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE DONOR AGENCIES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN, being the participants at the Conference being held on 20 August 2003.

RECOGNISING the damage that is being done by corruption at all levels of the Public and Private sector harming not only the economy of the country but especially the poor.

ACKNOWLEDGING that for years corruption has been impacting, and is continuing to impact, negatively on economic growth, in turn retarding economic and social development at all levels of our society;

ACUTELY AWARE of the poor image of our country in the International Business Community and the decreasing Investor Confidence and realizing the utmost urgency of the task of countering corruption both effectively and in a sustained manner;

AND RECOGNISING that continued international support for our country is largely dependent on a comprehensive Image Building Process.- and a prompt and effective National Anti-corruption Strategy,

DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY PLEDGE TO THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN –

1. That as major stakeholders in this effort, we are deeply conscious of our duty to the people of Pakistan to combat the scourge of corruption that is a serious problem in many countries, and regretfully a very serious problem in our own beloved country.
2. That we shall work together as a matter of the highest urgency to adopt and implement an effective anti-corruption reform program as part of an Image Building Process to strengthen accountability and transparency and develop a culture of good governance through a joint program to be developed by us, i.e. the Business Community, the Donor Agencies and the Government of Pakistan, in association with Transparency International Pakistan. At the same time both the Private and Public sector shall fully comply with the requirements of the OECD Convention, National Anti Corruption Strategy and the ADB-OECD Anti Corruption Initiative to which Pakistan is a signatory.
3. All of us commit ourselves and pledge in a non-partisan manner to adopt and implement ways and means to fight corruption in all its manifestations, and along lines developed jointly by the stakeholders.
4. On a personal level and on behalf of the Organizations that we represent, each of us give our individual pledge that we are dedicated to serving the interests of our people and our country before self and with the highest levels of personal integrity.

AWARE that the corruption crisis must be tackled openly by all, we invite all present today, to unite and witness a joint determination to rid our country of corruption at all levels so as to improve our image with the international community.

SIGNED by the PARTICIPANTS:

SIGNED by the WITNESSES: