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Sub: Transparency and governance measures in Political Party Manifesto

Dear Sir,

Transparency International an International Non-partisan, Non-political, is the leading anti-corruption advocacy non-governmental organization devoted to combating corruption and bringing Civil Society, Business and Government together on one platform, in a powerful global coalition to fight this malaise. It operates through over 100 independent National Chapters worldwide.

Corruption is the biggest challenge to this nation, politicians, public servants and business community.

In effect, promoting greater transparency and accountability of political parties and their supporters is a significant step toward stable, democratic government.

Allegations of corruption has undermined and destabilized democracy in Pakistan, distorted our Public Policies, and led to misallocation of our meager resources. It has harmed Public and Private Sector developments and has given reason for dissolving the four previous democratically elected governments.

Transparency International Pakistan request all Political Parties to include in their Manifestos' as a policy matter, the following recommendations for combating corruption and good governance :-

1. All appointments/promotion of civil servants and head of public bodies, will be made on Merit based on predetermined selection criteria.
2. Within Six months of the new government, Independent National Accountability Commission will be set up or NAB Ordinance will be amended to be under PAC, for public office holders viz. civilian, armed forces, judiciary and private sector involved in corruption government funds.
3. Following appointments shall be made in consensus with opposition leader of the national/provincial Assembly.
Auditor General Pakistan, Chairman NAB/ DGs Provinces, DG FIA, All Ombudsmen, Chairman FBR, Attorney General / Advocate General
Chairman FPS Commission.
4. All Regulatory Authorities viz. SECP, CCP, PPRA, EPA, SBP, OGRA, PEMRA, PTA, PFRA, NEPRA etc, shall be fully autonomous, comprising of professionals, without any nominations from government. They shall be financially self generating entities, and not



- dependent on government finances, and answerable only to Public Accounts Committee.
5. Within Six Months of the new government, Freedom of Information Ordinance 2002 will be revised for deletion of all exemptions except for national security reasons and all information under Freedom of Information Ordinance 2002 shall be made available on the website of all ministries /departments/organizations to comply with Constitution Article 19 A.
 6. Only a tax payer should be allowed to buy a property and cars .
 7. When government is formed, , foreign states will be sent official letters to return Pakistani's money in their banks which is not tax paid. The government, under Article 25(1) of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaty with Switzerland, and Return of Illicit Assets Act or "RIAA", will seeks information regarding Pakistanis maintaining accounts in the Alpine state as has been done by many countries.
 8. Motor way Police/Highway Police Models under use in Punjab, shall also be Implemented within one year in all major cities of all Provinces in Pakistan.
 9. Party will suspend its member from the public post, in case he is faced with court case on corruption charges, and will only be restored once he is acquitted from the Court.
 10. Land records of provinces, Federal Territory and Azad Kashmir will be computerized within 1 year.
 11. Conflict of Interest provisions shall be mandatory in all public office holders job description, as well as corporations and authorities, including Board of Directors of PSEs.
 12. Control of Ministry of Information over government and all advertisements will be deregulated. Each public sector institution will manage its own advertisements and media policy, and no government sponsored Advertisement will have photograph of any Political person other than that of Quaid-e-Azam.
 13. All state owned urban Land will only be disposed off by open public auction.
 14. For preventing conflicts of interest, all officers of Civilian, Armed Forces and Judiciary, of above BPS 20 or equivalent, shall not for a period of 5 years from the date from which they retire and cease to hold office, will accept any employment or consultancy of any private sector undertaking.

On 15 September 2012 Transparency International Pakistan will conduct a survey on the election manifesto of all parties whether they have addressed the above 14 anti-corruption recommendations for public awareness, and the survey report will be released in a press conference.

Yours Sincerely,


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