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**Sub: Objections on the Rs. 20 Billion Phase-II of the Prime Minister's Laptops Scheme for 4  
year Procurement of 400,000 Laptops/ Tablets.**

This letter is a follow up pertaining to HEC meeting, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2015, regarding Prime Minister's laptop scheme tender issues.

Following points were agreed by all in the meeting.

1. The tender will only be for one year supply, and any subsequent purchases will be done through tenders yearly, or as and when needed.
2. It was also highlighted during the meeting that the specifications of the laptops/ tablets, should be reduced to mid-range specs, in order to reduce the cost of the purchase, as well as allowing more vendors to bid for this tender.
3. The bidding document's reference towards establishing assembly plant or having an existing one should be removed by the HEC.
4. Any other technical equipment for e.g. 'only Intel' should also be removed, and any other or an equivalent processor should also be mentioned in the RFP.  
The evaluation criteria marking should be simplified in a Yes or No format, where 'No' would make the bidder non responsive.

In order to achieve the above agreed decisions, the entire bidding document RFP should be revised, to invite bidders who are suppliers/ vendors of these equipment. This way the discriminatory clauses in the RFP which seem biased towards one particular vendor should all be removed.

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With Regards,

  
Sohail Muzartar  
Chairman

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1. Secretary to Prime Minister, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, NAB, Islamabad.
3. Chairman, Prime Minister's Inspection Commission, Islamabad.
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad.
5. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.