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Mr. Ali Arshad Hakeem,
Chairman,
National Database & Registration Authority (NADRA),
NADRA State Bank of Pakistan Building
Shahrah-i-Jamhuriat, G-5/2,
Islamabad

**Sub: Complaints Violation of Public Procurement Rules, 2004
in Tender for 5 Million Smart Cards at approx cost of Rs 680 Million**

Dear Sir,

Transparency International has received a complaint for not awarding the contract to M/s Reliance International Ltd., who have claimed to be the lowest bidder, in the Tender for 5 Million Smart Cards at approx cost of Rs 680 Million

The complainant has alleged that tenders for the work of tender number 295 for 5 million Smart National ID Cards were opened in the presence of NADRA bid committee and bidders and Complainant bid at C&F cost of US \$ 1.61 per card was the lowest responsive bid. The bid minutes were signed by the tender committee.

However, NADRA is trying to reduce the quantity from 5 Million to 300,000, and also another bidder M/s ZTE whose tendered cost was US \$ 1.97 per Card, has subsequently offered to NADRA revised reduced cost of US \$ 1.45 per card.

A copy of the complaint which is self explanatory is enclosed, with request that it may be examined and if found true, action may please be taken as per requirements of Public Procurement Rules 2004. Subsequent to tender opening neither reduction in quantity nor price is allowed under Public Procurement Rules 2004. A copy of the complaint is enclosed for your ready reference which is self-explanatory.

In case the NADRA requirements were reduced from 5 Million to mere 300,000, reason for reduction in quantity has to be genuine, and tenders shall be discharged, and then new tenders shall have been invited.

Kindly keep TIP informed on the outcome of the complaint.

With regards,

**Saad Rashid,
Executive Director,**

Copies forwarded for information and necessary action to;

1. Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Islamabad.
2. Chairman, NAB, Islamabad,
3. Managing Director PPRA, Islamabad.