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**Sub: Appointment of Mr Najam Sethi, Acting Chairman PCB unconstitutional.**

Dear Mr Isaac,

Please find enclosed herewith the Press Release on the Appointment of Acting Chairman, Pakistan Cricket Board issued by TI Pakistan. In our opinion, the appointment of Mr Najam Sethi is unconstitutional.

TI Pakistan requests ICC to adhere to its own principles to ensure corruption free Cricket in the world and especially to observe that National Boards follow their own constitution duly approved by ICC.

TI Pakistan is striving for the implementation of the Rule of Law which is the only way to curb corruption.

Kind Regards,

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### **Appointment of Najam Sethi as Acting PCB Chairman is unconstitutional**

**Karachi, Tuesday, June 25, 2013:** Advocate Sohail Muzaffar, Chairman, Transparency International Pakistan terms the appointment of the caretaker Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman unconstitutional.

In a letter written to the President ICC in March 2012, Transparency International Managing Director, Cobus D Swardt stated that the reputation of cricket depends critically on the ability of its international and national governing bodies' ability to tackle quickly both the on field and off field issues that threaten the game, and that we think that millions and millions of cricket fans around the world desire nothing less but to be proud of the game they love so much.

TI Pakistan had forwarded the Lord Woolf's report to the ex PCB Chairmen, Mr Ijaz Butt and Mr Zaka Ashraf requesting them to adopt its recommendation of prioritising good governance, anti-corruption and ethics in the affairs of PCB, which were unfortunately were not adhered to by both of them, to enhance transparency in their tenures.

Advocate Sohail said that we find the appointment of caretaker PCB Chairman, Mr Najam Sethi by the present government against all norms of transparency and merit that the government promised to the citizens of Pakistan during their pre election party manifesto. Mr Najam Sethi is not the best choice for the Chairmanship because of the following:

1. According to the PCB constitution, the acting Chairman has to be selected from within the Board of Governors.
2. He is an income tax defaulter of FBR, and has to pay Rs. 10.6 million tax on the non disclosed income of FY 2009, according to Commissioner Inland Revenue, Lahore FBR letter No J 4535 of 24 April 2013.
3. He has no experience of cricket.

Syed Adil Gilani, Advisor, TI Pakistan said that since last 15 years Pakistan Cricket has been mis managed by chairmen not having any experience of Cricket, or were closely related to ministers, which has almost destroyed Pakistani Cricket. At this point of time Pakistan Cricket needs person of spotless integrity like Justice Cornelius known as the father of Pakistan Cricket President of the B.C.C.P 1961, and had founded the Pakistan Eaglets Society in 1953, The IHC on 12 June 2013 had directed the Inter-Provincial Committee to appoint an interim chairman who could represent PCB in ICC annual meeting next week, but the acting Chairman has to be amongst the Board of Governors of PCB.

In 2011, the ICC required that its member boards become autonomous and free of interference from governments by June 2013. Removal of government interference had also been one of the Woolf report recommendations approved by the International Cricket Council (ICC). Accordingly new PCB constitution was made.

The new PCB constitution states that, "(i) during the absence of chairman for the period of more than 45 days or in the event the chairman tender his resignation or in case of his death or in the event of the office of the chairman falling vacant for any other reason, the board of governors may elect and appoint an acting chairman from amongst its members, who may only have limited powers during the absence or till the appointment of the chairman."

Syed Adil Gilani said " It appears that unless government reviews its decision in the appointment of the Chairman PCB for the sake of transparency and Rule of Law, Supreme Court will have to take Suo Moto action in this case also."