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The Prime Minister of Pakistan,
Prime Minister House,
Islamabad.

**Sub: Transparency International Pakistan Welcomes Anti-Corruption
Pledges and Commitments**

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan congratulates you on your election as the 22nd Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. TI Pakistan strongly support your commitments for enhanced accountability made in your maiden speech to the nation and welcomes it as a positive step forward in the fight against corruption.

TI Pakistan believes corruption is the root cause of Pakistan's low socio-economic development as it is rampant in all sectors and institutions. According to the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2017 revealed by Transparency International, Pakistan ranks 117 out of 180 countries, which shows that corruption is widely prevalent in the country. More importantly, it is Pakistan's most vulnerable that continue to feel the greatest impact of corruption. According to the latest edition of Transparency International's Global Corruption Barometer, sixty four percent of bribe payers in Pakistan are poor.

Similarly, the lack of robust laws and their strong implementation significantly increases the risk of corruption especially in situations where blowing whistle on the irregular, illegal and corrupt practices is not sheltered. Therefore, protection of whistleblowers is crucial to encourage the reporting of misconduct, fraud, wrongdoing and corruption. There is also a need for legislation on Right to Public Services which is imperative for improving public service delivery and good governance in Pakistan. In this regard, TI Pakistan also appreciates your emphasis on introducing these legislations and we are confident for improved implementation

Transparency International has been monitoring public procurement and forwarding letters to the Regulatory Bodies including the Prime Minister's Inspection Team whenever there is a violation of PPRA rules.

We look forward in collaborating with you in your mission to make Pakistan a corruption free country.

Best Regards,


Sohail Muzaffar
Chairman,
Transparency International Pakistan