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Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi,  
Prime Minister of Pakistan,  
Prime Minister House,  
Islamabad.

Sub: Request to cancel/withdraw Six Months non-resident's Tax Filing Exemption, as prima facie such exemption is an incentive for corruption, being misused under the garb of UAE Aqama, for buying assets in Europe as non Pakistani.

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan refers to the press release issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017, copy enclosed.

The Board of Trustees of Transparency International Pakistan, on the occasion of your commencement as Prime Minister of Pakistan, requests you to immediately cancel/withdraw the notification of six months stay outside Pakistan in a year to qualify as non-resident, which in fact is a Tax Filing Exemption to such NRPs. Prima facie, this exemption is a major cause of corruption.

These NRPs, taking advantage of this rule, stay more than six months in a year outside Pakistan (though their businesses are in Pakistan), and transfer their Pakistani untaxed income by hawala to their bank accounts in UAE. Corrupt public office holders also send their illegal earnings in Pakistan to their UAE accounts, and also take commission in foreign exchange in their such accounts. Properties worth over US \$ 2 billion each year has been purchased by Pakistanis in UAE in year 2015 and 2016. Dawn of February 26, report is quoted below.

*Pakistanis purchased 6,106 properties during 2015 as compared to 5,079 units last year, an increase of 20 per cent, Dubai Land Department (DLD) figures showed on Thursday. Around AED 8 billion (\$2.178bn) worth of properties were purchased by Pakistanis during the year as compared to AED 7.588bn (\$2.066bn) last year, up 5.43pc.*

Another manipulation these NRPs are doing is that they invest in Europe and USA and transfer their investment from UAE, and being a UAE resident, they are not shown in the record of properties as Pakistanis.



Transparency International-Pakistan, also demands that the Prime Minister issue SRO that all Pakistanis living abroad, shall file annual tax return and wealth statement in Pakistan, as is the case of US citizens, who even though they may be staying outside US, are required to file annual tax returns and asset statements.

TI Pakistan is striving to have transparency in procedures and Rule of Law in Pakistan, which is the only way to eliminate corruption and have good governance in country.

Yours Sincerely,

Sohail Muzaffar,  
Chairman

Encls: Press Release

Copy forwarded the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, with request to treat this as Hume Right complaint and put up for the consideration of the to the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **TI Pakistan demands UK & UAE government to check Assets by illegal funds of Pakistanis**

**Karachi, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017** : On a major development for implementation of "Rule of Law" in Pakistan, the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan's decision on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017, for the disqualification of Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif due to Non Declaration of Aqama of UAE and Income, and the recent developments which have taken place resulting in removal of Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif from the office of the Prime Minister, the Chairman Transparency International Pakistan, Mr. Sohail Muzaffar and the Board of Trustees have made following demands;

1. Demanded from the Governments of Great Britain and United Arab Emirates to immediately Freeze properties, assets and Bank accounts of all Pakistani Nationals or Pakistani Nationals holding Dual Nationalities.
2. To ask from these Pakistanis to Produce the Tax payment Certificates on amount of purchase, from Federal Board of Revenue , Pakistan, and certificate from State Bank of Pakistan verifying the legal transfer of funds from Pakistan, for purpose of Transparency.
3. The failure on their part to produce such Certificates, the Government of United Arab Emirates and Great Britain shall transfer such assets & funds to the Government of Pakistan.
4. It has further been demanded by Mr. Sohail Muzaffar, Chairman Transparency International-Pakistan, like a USA Citizen staying outside US is required to file annual tax return and assets statements in US also, the Government of Pakistan should frame the same rule for Pakistanis, and cancel/withdraw Six Months non resident's Tax Filing Exemption, as prima facie such exemption is an incentive for corruption, being misused under the garb of UAE Aqama, for buying assets in Europe as non Pakistani, and FBR's non resident Tax filing laws/concessions, which are resulting in massive corruption and misuse of facility and hiding the ill-gotten wealth.
5. The Chairman TI-P Mr. Sohail Muzaffar has further requested the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan to take Suo Moto notice of this misuse of the law, tailor made for a certain class by FBR, which is resulting in massive corruption money laundering which is badly effecting the economy of Pakistan.