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Assistant Director, GS II, Ministry of foreign Affairs, Islamabad.

## Subject: Violation of PPRA Rules 2004, by Assistant Director GS II Ministry of foreign in Tender dated 02-06-24 for Construction of Boundary Wall & Guard.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Dunya' newspaper on June 02, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 13 'Response time'.

In the said tender notice, 15 days of response time is not given as the submission/ opening of bids is given as 13-06-2024, which is four (4) days less and does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time as per PPRA Rules 2004. Hence, it is a violation of Rule No. 13 of PPRA Rule 2004.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

13. Response time. - (1) The procuring agency may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals (including proposals for pre-qualification) from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the individual procurement's complexity, availability and urgency. However, under no circumstances the response time shall be less than fifteen \*\*\*days for national competitive bidding and thirty \*\*\*days for international competitive bidding from the date of publication of advertisement or notice.

All advertisements or notices shall expressly mention the response time allowed for that particular procurement along with the information for collection of bid documents which shall be issued till a given date, allowing sufficient time to complete and submit the bid by the closing date:

Provided that no time limit shall be applicable in case of emergency.

(2) The response time shall be calculated from the date of first publication of the advertisement in a newspaper or posting on the web site, as the case may be:

Assistant Director GS II Ministry of foreign Affairs Islamabad is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with PPRA Rules 2004 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

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Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar

Trustee/Legal Advisor

Transparency International Pakistan



Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

- 1. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad
- 2. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad

## Note:

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"What previously may have been on a need-to-know basis Article 19A of the Constitution has transformed it to a right-to-know, and the Access to information is no longer a discretion granted through occasional benevolence, but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution"

