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Mr. Abdul Kabir Kazi, Managing Director, Sindh Education Foundation-SEF, Government of Sindh, Karachi.

Subject: <u>Violation of Violation of SPPRA Rules 2010, Deputy Director, Procurement Department, Sindh Education Foundation- SEF, Karachi's Tender Notice for Hiring of Services.</u>

Dear Sir.

This is with reference to your tender notice published in daily 'Jang' newspaper on 16th December, 2023. The said advertisement is in violation of SPPRA Rules 2010, Rule 45 'Announcement of evaluation reports'.

In the said tender notice, it is stated that; "The Procuring Agency reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason."

As per SPPRA Rules 2010, Rule No. 45- Procuring agencies shall announce the results of bid evaluation in the form of a report giving reasons for acceptance or rejection of bids. Hence, it is a violation SPPRA Rule No 45.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

45. 'Announcement of evaluation reports' - Procuring agencies shall announce the results of bid evaluation in the form of a report giving reasons for acceptance or rejection of bids. The report shall be hoisted on website of the Authority and that of the procuring agency if its website exists and intimated to all the bidders at least seven (07) days prior to the award of contract.

Managing Director- SEF is requested to issue directives to Deputy Director, Procurement Department, SEF to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with SPPRA Rules 2010 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 56.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve against Zero tolerance against corruption.

Regards,

Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,

Trustee/Legal Advisor

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

- 1. Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh, CM House, Karachi
- 2. Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh, Karachi
- 3. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad
- 4. Managing Director, SPPRA, Karachi.



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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"

