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Assistant Director (GS-1),  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Islamabad.

**Subject: Violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Assistant Director (GS-1), Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Tender Notice for Procurement of Various Items**

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Dunya' Newspaper on 14 July, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule No. 13 'Response Time'.

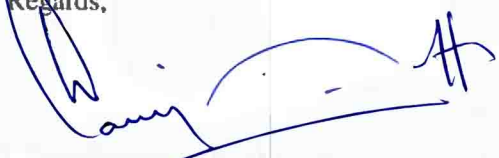
In the tender notice, the submission and opening dates of bids is given on 26-07-2024, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is two (2) days less. It is a violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 13. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

*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.*

Assistant Director (GS-1), Ministry of Foreign Affairs is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

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  
Transparency International Pakistan

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

1. Managing Director, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Islamabad.



**Note:**

This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not a complainant, it acts as a whistleblower and operate under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to public to know how government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access of information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three member bench in case of Mukhtar Ahmad Ali vs the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa in the landmark judgment on 16 October 2023, in CP No. 3532/2023, has declared that

“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”

## TENDER NOTICE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs invites sealed bids from the well reputed suppliers / firms registered with income tax and sales tax departments and are on active tax payers list having registered office/sub office at Islamabad / Rawalpindi for supply of following items on unit price basis for Financial Year 2024-25.

Sr No.	Description
i)	Electric Items
ii)	Stationery Items
iii)	Toners (Original)
iv)	Toners (compatible)
v)	Papers
vi)	Miscellaneous / Cleaning Items
vii)	Computer/IT items and Accessories
viii)	Civil Work Items
ix)	Furniture & Fixture Items
x)	Air Conditioner Spare Parts
xi)	Garden Tools & plants
xii)	Canvas Bags & Accessories

2 The bidders should be registered suppliers on the e-Pak Acquisition & Disposal System (EPADS) in order to participate in the subject tender. Interested bidders can register themselves electronically on EPADS through <https://eprocure.gov.pk/#supplier.registration>.

3 List of item(s) required can be obtained by submitting an application along with a copy of NTN GST Registration Certificate along with a pay order of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) (Non-Refundable) for each list separately in favor of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad within fifteen (15) days of publishing of this advertisement from following address:  
**Ground Floor Room No. 33, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad**  
**Ph: 051-9206970**

4. "SINGLE STAGE TWO ENVELOPE" will be followed. Firms should mark both the envelopes separately with the words **Technical Proposal** and **Financial Proposal**, and then seal the two envelopes in a single package and mention the category on top right corner of the envelope. Incomplete documents shall not be entertained.

5. All firms/bidders are directed to quote their rates on online portal EPAD as well as original bid /rates must be submitted in hard form in the office of undersigned before 1100 hours on 26 July 2024 and will be opened on the same day at 1130 hours.

6 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reserves the right to accept or reject all bids in accordance with Clause No 33 of PPRA Rules.

PID (I) No 318/24

**Assistant Director (GS-1)**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**  
**Islamabad**

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