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Mr. Yusuf Raza Gilani  
Chairman Senate of Pakistan  
Senate Secretariat, Islamabad

**Subject: Enactment of Whistleblower Protection Law at the Federal Level in line with  
Pakistan's Commitment under Article 8.4 and 13.2 of UNCAC**

Dear Honorable Chairman Senate of Pakistan,

Transparency International Pakistan would like to draw your attention towards a delay in the enactment of Whistleblower Protection Act at the federal level in Pakistan. For the progress of integrity and eliminating corruption from the country and fostering an environment where citizens can report misconduct without fear of retaliation, effective whistleblower protection law is essential.

TI Pakistan recognizes the fact that there have been attempts to introduce whistleblower protection legislation in the past, including on May 2, 2019, when Whistleblower Protection and Vigilance Commission Act, 2019 bill was presented in the National Assembly. However, it was later withdrawn, and as a result, the federal legislation on whistleblower protection remains absent. The Government of Pakistan ratified United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) in 2007. Article 8.4 and 13.2 of UNCAC mandate governments to implement legal measures that protect whistleblowers, as quoted below.

*UNCAC Article 8. Codes of conduct for public officials (4): Each State Party shall also consider, in accordance with the fundamental principles of its domestic law, establishing measures and systems to facilitate the reporting by public officials of acts of corruption to appropriate authorities, when such acts come to their notice in the performance of their functions.*

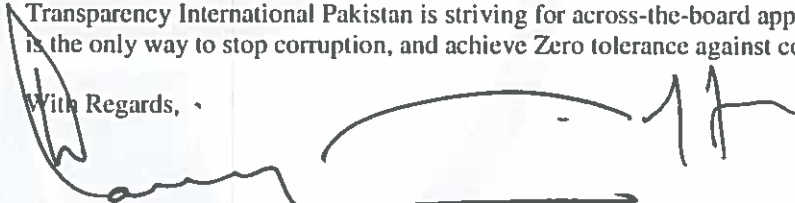
*UNCAC Article 13. Participation of society (2): Each State Party shall take appropriate measures to ensure that the relevant anti-corruption bodies referred to in this Convention are known to the public and shall provide access to such bodies, where appropriate, for the reporting, including anonymously, of any incidents that may be considered to constitute an offence established in accordance with this Convention.*

TI Pakistan has prepared a draft proposal on Whistle Blower Protection law, based on the best practices globally (**Annex-A**). In the past, TI Pakistan has advocated with the federal and provincial governments for the enactment of Right to Information laws which are now in place at the federal and provincial levels.

TI Pakistan requests the honorable Chairman Senate of Pakistan to leverage his legislative and constitutional role to facilitate the development and passage of Whistleblower Protection Law, ensuring that it includes adequate reporting mechanisms and protective measures in accordance with the requirements of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

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

With Regards,

  
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