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Dear PCATP Members,

SUBJECT: STATUS OF WRIT PETITIONS AGAINST PCATP

AoA, I hope this message finds you well!

I am reaching out with deepest concern regarding the baseless and negative campaign going on in the social and print media against the Chairman and the Executive Committee following the PCATP elections held in March. Individuals with ulterior motives, using some young architects who were their past students, are openly violating court proceedings and misleading members on a subjudice matter.

Rest assured, PCATP is diligently fulfilling its responsibilities with transparency, making dedicated efforts to address the needs of Architects and Town Planners through expanded outreach and unwavering dedication.

As the matter regarding the election of the Executive Committee is sub judice, I aim to provide PCATP members with an update on the current status of these petitions, as outlined by the legal consultant, M/s Orr. Dignam & Co, Islamabad as under;

The reports submitted by the Federal Investigating Agency ("FIA") in Writ Petition No. 890 of 2023 titled 'Architect S. M. Jahangir Khan Sherpao etc. v. Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners, etc.' ("**1st Writ Petition**") and Writ Petition No. 2237 of 2023 titled "Architect Syed Qasim Abbas v. Federation of Pakistan, etc." ("**2nd Writ Petition**") pending before the Islamabad High Court ("**IHC**").

In the 1st Writ Petition, the FIA (Respondent No. 5) filed its report. As per the said report, Enquiry No. 245/2023 ("**Enquiry**") was initiated on the complaint of Mr. Azhar Sualehi regarding the hacking of the online election system during the elections of the PCATP Executive Committee. The FIA collected statements of various individuals including the Registrar, PCATP, and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Oath Systems (Private) Limited ("**IT Company**"). During inquiry, the FIA was informed by PTCL that one of the IP addresses was registered on the address of Chairman, PCATP. Accordingly, FIA issued a notice of attendance to the Chairman, PCATP and concluded the report by noting that "*In view of the above, it is therefore humbly prayed that the inquiry about hacking of Electronic Voting System is under probe and will be concluded at earliest to secure the ends of justice*". Accordingly, the 1st FIA Report was not conclusive in its findings.

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In the 2nd Writ Petition, FIA also filed a report. In the said report, FIA informed the Court of the additional steps taken during the Enquiry Proceedings and, *inter alia*, concluded that “232 bogus votes casted by hacking of electronic system but the hacker is untraceable due to use of proxy/VPN during hacking. Hence, the matter is not proceedable further. Therefore, it is humbly prayed to this Honourable Court, that in the interest of justice, the instant petition may graciously be disposed-off”. Accordingly, as per the FIA, the matter is not proceedable further.

It is evident from the Legal Consultant’s interpretation above, no evidence of any wrongdoing has been established against the Chairman and the Executive Committee in the FIA findings. It supports the Chairman, stating an inability to trace the origin of 232 questionable votes, the hackers failed to cast in favor of the losing candidate.

As the writ petitions are presently under consideration by the Islamabad High Court (IHC), awaiting its decisions on the PCATP Executive Committee elections, I once again, urge all those engaged in this hurtful campaign to cease their actions promptly and avoid such activities in the future. We are actively exploring all legal avenues should these actions persist.

Needless to say, as the Chairman, my unwavering dedication is to uphold the principles of our Council, ensuring the utmost levels of integrity and honesty for all!

Best regards,

Ar. Muhammad Arif Changezi
Chairman