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Dear Esteemed Members of the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners,

I write to you today with a sense of urgency and deep concern. The recent events following the PCATP election have caused great distress and uncertainty, and I feel compelled to address them with the utmost gravity.

It has come to my attention that certain individuals who have not accepted the election results are using social and print media platforms to defame the elected Chairman of PCATP and his team. This is a deeply disturbing development that threatens to undermine the very fabric of our profession and the Council.

I implore all members to reject these baseless accusations, as the earlier reports shared on social media are inconclusive, and the Chairman's statement has been recorded today. We have evidence that the IP address used in the hacking incident has been traced back to an architect/planner in Lahore, whose email ID was used by the hackers repeatedly in an attempt to cast 232 votes in favour of the opposing candidate for Chairman. These actions are not only malicious but also undermine the credibility of our profession and the Council.

Furthermore, it cannot be denied that the recording of the election committee is the most vital evidence, and it cannot be sidelined. An attempt is being made by certain quarters to undermine the credibility of the election process by providing selective information to the FIA. However, we will conduct an inquiry into those who are spreading misinformation and take appropriate action against them under PCATP byelaws. We are confident that the truth will prevail, and we will do everything in our power to uphold the integrity of the Council and our profession.

It is important to note that this is a subjudice matter, and as such, it is crucial that we all respect the legal process and avoid any actions that may interfere with or influence the outcome of the case.

I urge all members to be cautious of misinformation being spread through any medium, including articles, social media, and messages. We must take swift action to prevent any false narratives from spreading and harming our noble profession. Let us work together to uphold the principles of truth and transparency.

In conclusion, I want to unequivocally state that we have conducted ourselves with the utmost honesty and integrity throughout the election process, despite the insinuations being made by a few individuals. We remain committed to the principles of fairness and justice, and we will not be deterred by the actions of those who seek to undermine them.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Best Regards,

M. Arif Changezi
Chairman-PCATP