



# اسلام آباد چیمبر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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February 21, 2023

## Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Executive Committee (2022-2023) held on Thursday January 26, 2023

### Attendance

|                                     |           |                                |        |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari        | President | 2. Mr.Faad Waheed              | SVP    |
| 3. Mr.Muhammad Azhar-ul-Islam Zafar | VP        | 4. Mr.Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh   | Member |
| 5. Ch.Javed Iqbal                   | Member    | 6. Mr.Hamayun Kabir            | -do-   |
| 7. Mr.Shahbaz Majeed Sheikh         | -do-      | 8. Mr.Akhtar Hussain           | -do-   |
| 9. Ch.Muhammad Ali                  | -do-      | 10. Mr.Faseeh Ullah Khan       | -do-   |
| 11. Mr.Khalid Mehmood               | -do-      | 11. Mr.Muhammad Shabbir        | -do-   |
| 13. Raja Muhammad Imtiaz            | -do-      | 14. Mr.M.Ashfaq Hussain Chatha | -do-   |
| 15. Mr.Ameer Hamza                  | -do-      | 16. Dr.Muhammad Usman          | -do-   |
| 17. Mr.Muhammad Yahya               | -do-      | 18. Malik Jalil Ahmed Awan     | -do-   |
| 19. Mr.Ahmed Khan                   | -do-      | 20. Ch.M.Maqsood Tabish        | -do-   |
| 21. Mr.Faizan Shahzad               | -do-      | 22. Mr.Muhammad Rizwan Chheena | -do-   |
| 23. Ms.Perveen Khan                 | -do-      | 24. Ms.Munizeh Majid           | -do-   |

### Leave

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|------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1. Mr.Nasir M.Qureshi        | Member | 2. Mr.Amir Hussain          | Member |
| 3. Sh.Muhammad Ijaz          | -do-   | 4. Mr.Umar Riaz             | -do-   |
| 5. Ch.Muhammad Naeem         | -do-   | 6. Mr.Muhammad Irfan Zaffar | -do-   |
| 7. Mr.Muhammad Shakeel Munir | -do-   |                             |        |

Meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr.Faseeh Ullah Khan.

The House then took up the following agenda of the meeting: -

#### 1. To approve minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee (2022-23) held on 27 December, 2022.

The House approved minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting unanimously.

#### 2. To approve accounts of the Chamber for the month of December 2022.

The details of the accounts for the month of December were presented to the House. Mr.Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh and Mr.Ashfaq Hussain Chatha asked about the details of the total expenses and revenue for holding the 1<sup>st</sup> International Property and Housing Expo 2022. Mr.Muhammad Azhar ul Islam Zafar, Vice President gave its details to the House. Mr.Faseeh Ullah Khan asked about the details of the total expenses of internet usage at this occasion. Dr.Muhammad Usman gave its details. On the query of Mr.Ameer Hamza, details of overtime given to employees were provided.

The House then approved accounts for the month of December 2022.

### 3. To approve the following Membership Applications: -

Following membership applications were approved by the House in the light of rules and regulations, with an advice that wherever, documents are short/information is missing, it shall be obtained from the members: -

#### CM-CLASS

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| 1  | M/s Get Dressed (Pvt) Ltd.                    | 2  | M/s The Kaizen Company LLC                       |
| 3  | M/s Sun Spring (Pvt) Ltd.                     | 4  | M/s Salvita Health Care (Pvt) Ltd.               |
| 5  | M/s Premier Casa (SMC-Pvt) Ltd.               | 6  | Shandong Hi-Speed Kerui Petroleum Eqpt. Co. Ltd. |
| 7  | M/s High GCV Block Diamond Coal (Pvt) Ltd.    | 8  | M/s BIT Creative Solutions (Pvt) Ltd.            |
| 9  | M/s Himalaya Construction Company (Pvt) Ltd.  | 10 | M/s Flame Synergies (Pvt) Ltd.                   |
| 11 | M/s Safa Management Services                  | 12 | M/s Bampkha Mining (Pvt) Ltd.                    |
| 13 | M/s Media Roots (Pvt) Ltd.                    | 14 | M/s Urazi Properties (Pvt) Ltd.                  |
| 15 | M/s Islamabad Housing Enclave (Pvt) Ltd.      | 16 | M/s Palm Hotels & Events (Pvt) Ltd.              |
| 17 | M/s Newline Empire (Pvt) Ltd.                 | 18 | M/s Karsaz Engineers (Pvt) Ltd.                  |
| 19 | M/s Tovia Pharmaceuticals (Pvt) Ltd.          | 20 | M/s Almaymaar Global (Pvt) Ltd.                  |
| 21 | M/s Royce Foods International (Pvt) Ltd.      | 22 | M/s Cowlar Design Studio (Pvt) Ltd.              |
| 23 | M/s FN Consultants (Pvt) Ltd.                 | 24 | M/s Battar Systems (SMC-Pvt) Ltd.                |
| 25 | M/s Sarmaya Microfinance (Pvt) Ltd.           | 26 | M/s Karaf (Pvt) Ltd.                             |
| 27 | M/s Bizsense Consulting (Pvt) Ltd.            | 28 | M/s BK Consultants (SMC-Pvt) Ltd.                |
| 29 | M/s Fusion Exotic Inspired (SMC-Pvt) Ltd.     | 30 | M/s Maskne Traders (Pvt) Ltd.                    |
| 31 | M/s 2S Medical & Dental Equipments (Pvt) Ltd. | 32 | M/s Bio Next Pharmaceuticals                     |
| 33 | M/s Bio Labs Consumers Health                 | 34 | M/s Pak – China Huazi Green Energy Pvt.Ltd       |
| 35 | M/s Gagamuller Technology (Pvt) Ltd.          | 36 | M/s Humanetek (Pvt) Ltd.                         |

#### AM-CLASS

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| 1  | M/s Haji Pervez Akhter & Co                    | 2  | M/s Aroos Jewellers                               |
| 3  | M/s SS Enterprises                             | 4  | M/s Bilal Fabrics                                 |
| 5  | M/s Malik Traders & Stamp Chamber              | 6  | M/s GM Traders                                    |
| 7  | M/s Aimna Builders & Co.                       | 8  | M/s Sajawal Nan Centre                            |
| 9  | M/s Modern Advance National Services           | 10 | M/s TAM Enterprises                               |
| 11 | M/s IMEC Real Estate                           | 12 | M/s Data Tech Services                            |
| 13 | M/s Move N Inn Hotel                           | 14 | M/s Mand Corporation                              |
| 15 | M/s Aman Marketing Networks                    | 16 | M/s M.H. Associate                                |
| 17 | M/s Hameed Enterprises                         | 18 | M/s D4Doctor Admission Guider                     |
| 19 | Muhammad Ilyas HaroonBadshah FruitCommission A | 20 | M/s Raht Nursery Farm                             |
| 21 | M/s Ch. Ali Asghar & Co                        | 22 | M/s Ch. Huzaifa Builders & Real Estate Developers |
| 23 | M/s National Landrock Company                  | 24 | M/s AR Enterprises                                |
| 25 | M/s Essa Traders                               | 26 | M/s Al Froghi Rice                                |
| 27 | M/s Entire Marketing & Builders                | 28 | M/s AHF Haikka Enterprise                         |
| 29 | M/s Abdul Sattar & Brothers                    | 30 | M/s The Builder                                   |
| 31 | M/s F.A Property                               | 32 | M/s Shez Consultants                              |
| 33 | M/s Tekno Inn                                  | 34 | M/s Elevation                                     |
| 35 | M/s STS Trading & Marketing Management         | 36 | M/s Manzoor Traders                               |
| 37 | M/s Triad International                        | 38 | M/s Umar Pharmacy                                 |
| 39 | M/s Shinwari Dry Fruit Traders                 | 40 | M/s Smart Honey Bee Enterprises                   |
| 41 | M/s Quality Control Services                   | 42 | M/s Ibex Cargo Services                           |
| 43 | M/s Farook Associates                          | 44 | M/s Dubai Gold                                    |
| 45 | M/s Casmo Building Consultant                  |    |   |

### 4. To consider any other point with the permission of the Chair.

The following points were considered with the permission of the Chair:-

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President gave details of the meetings which were held during the month. He informed that ICCI had a meeting with the Director DMA, MCI and it was informed to him that members are facing problems due to high signboard tax rate and trade license fee. The President informed that after discussion it was decided that old rates shall be charged from rural areas, which was a big achievement. Mr.Akhtar Hussain also gave its details to the House.



Mr.Faad Waheed, Senior Vice President informed that a delegation of U.K and U.S parliamentarians and businessmen visited the Chamber. The information was given to them about trading and investment opportunities in Pakistan. He said that they have also invited the ICCI business delegation to visit the U.K. The President said that a small delegation of the Chamber shall visit the U.K. and only those members shall be included in the delegation, who already have U.K. valid visas.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that ICCI has planned to hold a Business Opportunities Conference in the month of March in Rabat, Morocco. He informed that in this connection a meeting was held with the Moroccan Ambassador and he has assured to provide full assistance to the ICCI delegation for holding BoC. He informed that ICCI will also coordinate with Pakistan's Embassy in Rabat and commercial office in Casablanca for holding the BoC in a successful way. Mr.Muhammad Ali suggested that in the Morocco delegation, priority should be given to Executive Members.

Mr.Ameer Hamaza said that the ICCI delegation shall take part in the Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Australia, and he has been given the responsibility to form the delegation. He gave its details to the House.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that ICCI signed an MoU with the Moscow Chamber to work jointly for promoting business linkages between the private sectors of both countries and enhancing bilateral trade between Pakistan and Russia.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that President Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry on his visit to ICCI has informed about export potential of made in Gujarat products. The President said that it was proposed to him that the exportable products of Gujrat shall be displayed in the Export Display Center of ICCI.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that ICCI had a meeting with the CDA board members and they were apprised about various issues of traders and industrialists. He said that it was emphasized that CDA should focus on development works in markets and industrial areas including revamping of sewerage system, water supply and sanitation system, provision of parking facilities and carpeting of roads to facilitate the growth of business activities.

Mr.Faad Waheed, Senior Vice President informed that a delegation of the fruits and vegetable market visited the Chamber and they said that fruits and vegetables businesses need a neat and clean environment, but the construction of a slaughterhouse in the vicinity of Sabzi Mandi in Islamabad would be against the interest of these businesses as it would create smell in the area and affect the environment. He said that it was proposed that CDA should follow the SOPs of the Food & Agriculture Organization of the UN, and set up the slaughterhouse away from the city.

President said that ICCI had organized a seminar on the revival of the economy, in which prominent business leaders across Pakistan discussed key issues which are being faced by the business community in the country. He said that it was proposed that the Government should evolve a new strategy in consultation with the business community to address the current economic challenges.

Mr.Faad Waheed, Senior Vice President informed that a meetings was held Mr.Muhammad Naseer, Director General Trade Development Authority of Pakistan – TDAP. He said that proposals were given to him for increasing Pakistan's exports and also problems were highlighted which members face while interacting with diplomatic missions abroad. He said that D.G. proposed that ICCI should establish a Regional Trade Desk in the chamber to promote trade with the regional countries.



Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtwari, President informed that a delegation of the Chamber visited Naval Headquarters and had a meeting with the Naval Chief. He said that proposals were given to him for creating a linkage between Navy and Private sector to explore indigenous production of frigates and other systems that would also benefit the local industry. He said that the Naval Chief proposed to promote the Blue Economy, because there is a great potential in this sector. He said that the Navy is holding a Maritime Expo to promote Blue Economy, the information of which was circulated to members.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that besides highlighting the issues of the business community at relevant forums, ICCI is also educating the businessmen to adopt the way of life of Hazrat Muhammad p.b.u.h. He said that in this connection, ICCI has made the arrangements of a course on Seerat-un-Nabi, which is held in the Chamber on a weekly basis. Mr.Ashfaq Hussain Chatha informed that in the tenure of Mr.Zahid Maqbool, former President Quran education was started and proposed to continue this practice. He also suggested that ICCI should not support any specific fiqa. It was decided to take up this suggestion with the Religious Affairs sub-committee.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that the Board of Investment is developing a portal for providing one window facilitation to the businessmen to ease out the business registration process. He said that it was proposed that the Board of Investment should speed up its process of regulations reforms to promote ease of doing business in the country.

President informed that ICCI had a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner regarding the allocation of sale points of flour mills. He informed that on the recommendations of the Chamber, Duputy Commissioner resolved the issue of flour mills and provided more sales points as suggested by the representatives of flour mills. He appreciated that Dr.Muhammad Usman and Sh.Muhammad Ijaz played a great role in getting this issue resolved. He said that it was also suggested to him that the Government should supply wheat to the flour mills of Islamabad through Passco to save any flour crisis in the federal capital and keep the prices stable.

Mr.Faad Waheed, Senior Vice President informed that ICCI had a meeting with I.G. Punjab. It was proposed to him that close liaison between the police and the business community is important to improve the security situation in the commercial & industrial areas. Details of other meetings were also shared with the House.

It was informed to the House that the applications filed by both Syed Nadeem Mansur and Mr.Shahid Zaman Shinwari regarding elections have been dismissed by the DGTO. The House discussed the Pre-election SoPs, which DGTO had directed to submit. The members of the House discussed and prepared Pre-election SoPs for submission to the DGTO.

Mr.Ashfaq Hussain Chatha, said that in the last annual election, ICCI printed the names of the contesting candidates in alphabetic order, whereas other chambers did not adopt that practice. He said that since there is no bar in the printing of names on the ballot paper in any order, therefore, in the next elections, this aspect should be considered. The President proposed that in the next election, further clarity should be obtained from the DGTO office regarding printing of names of contesting candidates on the ballot paper.

It was informed to the House that according to the new visa policy of China, visas may be granted to the applicants on production of Guarantee Letter by a Chamber and invitation letter from a reputable Chinese company, however, China embassy will have the right to grant or reject the visa. It was informed that SoPs should be developed for the issuance of guarantee letters to a member company and employees after fulfilling certain requirements. Mr.Ahmed Khan said that some travel agents are getting money from the visa applicants to process their visa cases. After discussion a committee comprising Raja



Muhammad Imtiaz, Mr.Jamshaid Akhtar Shiekh, Mr.Ashfaq Hussain Chatha and Mr.Ahmed Khan was formed to develop SOPs for the issuance of guarantee letters.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that some members without permission of the Chamber, are using the name and logo of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry which is highly objectionable. The House discussed this matter in detail and it was proposed to issue Show Cause notice to the concerned. However, responsibility was given to Mr.Muhammad Azhar-ul-Islam Zafar, Vice President to sort out this issue.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President said that some committee Conveners want to include non-members in the committee as advisers to get their expert opinion. The members did not agree to the proposals and it was decided that non-members shall not be included in any capacity in a sub-committee of ICCI.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President said that ICCI has appointed Ms.Sania Asad and Ms.Farwa Khan on probation and they are performing well, therefore, he recommended that may be granted one year contract.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that ICCI plans to hold an Excellence Award Ceremony in near future to recognize the services of businessmen in their respective areas of business.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that Pre-Budget Conference shall also be organized, in which Presidents of the Chambers shall be invited to discuss Pre-Budget Proposals. He said that a paper of recommendations shall be prepared for submission to the Government.

The President said that Pakistan has great potential in the tourism sector, therefore, a Tourism Expo shall be organized inviting the diplomats. He said that they shall also be taken to important tourist destinations.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that ICCI has planned an IT expo in collaboration with ITCN and in this connection an MOU shall also be signed with them.

Mr.Ashfaq Hussain Chatha proposed that Chairman FBR or Member Policy should be invited to discuss with him tax issues of the members. He also suggested to invite Chairman CDA, as members have a number of issues concerning CDA. Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President informed that a meeting was held with the previous Chairman CDA and he has approved the budget for repair and maintenance of roads and sewerage system in different areas of Islamabad. He said that both Chairman CDA and FBR shall be invited in the chamber to discuss with them issues of the business community.

Mr.Muhammad Ali said that the Research and Development Department of the Chamber has still not been made functional and stressed to make it active on priority basis.

Mr.Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh said that why Chamber does not make donations from the Chamber's funds, whereas for donations, money is collected from the Members of the Executive Committee. Mr.Muhammad Azhar-ul-Islam Zafar, Vice President said that it was decided that in the last meeting that Executive Members shall make a donation of Rs.25000/- each, whereas Office Bearers shall pay Rs.50,000/- each to provide financial support to the injured policemen.

Mr.Akhtar Hussian that on the Women International Day, one of the women Executive members should be given the opportunity to act as Honorary President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry, which the House highly appreciated.

Mr.Faseeh Ullah Khan proposed that in every meeting of the Executive Committee, members should be informed about the outcome of the decisions which are taken by Executive Members in the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

Ms.Munizeh Majid thanked everyone for providing great support to her after her road accident. She said that it is a matter of great concern that no private hospital gives a legal medical report and for this purpose one has to visit PIMS hospital. She said that the condition of the Public Sector Hospitals is extremely miserable and she suggested that ICCI should sign MoU with the private hospitals to provide facilities to members of the Chamber for the issuance of a legal Medical Report. She further proposed that the Police Facilitation Desk at the Chamber should facilitate members for issuance of a Police Report.

Mr.Muhammad Yahya raised the concern that respect is not given to the Members of the Executive Committee and he cited a few examples. He proposed that a proper mechanism should be developed for giving protocol to the Executive members. After discussion a committee comprising Mr.Muhammad Yahya, Mr.Ashfaq Hussain Chatha, Ch.Muhammad Maqsood Tabish and Mr.Akhtar Hussain was formed to develop SoPs for this purpose. It was decided that the committee will ensure giving proper protocol to Executive Members in the meetings.

Mr.Muhammad Azhar-ul-Islam Zafar, Vice President said that Executive Members do not attend most of the meetings, the details of which were also given by the President to the House.

Ch.Muhammad Maqsood Tabish said that it was planned to take a delegation of the Chamber to perform Umrah and stressed that Umrah delegation should be formed soon. He also proposed that the Chamber's Ambulance may be attached with some other organization to provide necessary medical services to members. Mr.Muhammad Rizwan Cheenna was again given the responsibility to form the Umrah delegation.

Mr.Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President said that ICCI is contacting other chambers for display of exportable products of their members at the Export Display Center of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry, because this way Chamber can play a role in enhancing the exports of the country.

Since no other point was to be discussed, therefore, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
**Majid Shabbir**  
Secretary General

c.c. All members of the Executive Committee (2022-23)