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Subject: Draft Proposal for Enactment of The Balochistan Whistleblower Protection and Vigilance Commission Act 2025

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan would like to draw your attention towards the draft proposal for the Balochistan Whistleblower Protection and Vigilance Commission Act 2025, addressing the urgent need for a comprehensive legal framework to protect whistleblowers in Balochistan.

TI Pakistan has written to the honorable Prime Minister on the need for the enactment of the Whistleblower Protection Laws in line with Pakistan's commitment under Article 8.4 and 13.2 of UNCAC, dated 21st June 2024 (Annex-A). On March 27, 2025, the Federal Cabinet on the recommendation of the Ministry of Law and Justice, approved the Whistleblower Protection and Vigilance Commission Act, 2025 (Annex-B). On May 17, 2025, the Senate Standing Committee on Law and Justice approved Whistleblower Protection and Vigilance Commission Bill, 2025 (Annex-C)

Effective whistleblower protection is essential for fostering an environment where citizens can report misconduct without fear of retaliation, thereby enhancing public trust in government operations. Recognizing this, TI Pakistan in consultation with civil society organizations (CSOs) across Balochistan province has formulated the enclosed draft proposal on Whistleblower Protection Act. The enactment of such law will not only strengthen your party's commitment to transparency but also ensure that individuals who courageously report corruption are safeguarded.

Furthermore, it is pertinent to mention that Pakistan, as a signatory to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) is obliged under Article 33 to implement legal measures that protect whistleblowers, as quoted below:

UNCAC Article 33. Protection of reporting persons: Each State Party shall consider incorporating into its domestic legal system appropriate measures to provide protection against any unjustified treatment for any person who reports in good faith and on reasonable grounds to the competent authorities any facts concerning offences established in accordance with this Convention,

According to the World Bank and Asian Development Bank guidelines, whistleblowing mechanisms are crucial for uncovering corruption and mismanagement, thereby fostering an environment of accountability and integrity.

TI Pakistan sincerely hopes that your party will prioritize the enactment of this crucial legislation. Such a gesture would underscore your government's commitment to transparency, accountability, and the protection of individuals who act in good faith to uphold the integrity of public institutions.

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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Enclosure: Draft Proposal Balochistan Whistleblower Protection and Vigilance Commission Act 2025 Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to: