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SENATE SECRETARIAT

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***Report of the
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs***

***“Scrutiny of proposed PSDP of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for
the Financial Year 2018-19 in terms of sub-rule (7) of Rule 166 of
Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012”***

PRESENTED BY

***(SENATOR NUZHAT SADIQ)
CHAIRPERSON SSC on Foreign Affairs***

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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

I, Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, have the honour to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on the "*Mid-year Review of Budget of Ministry of Foreign Affairs*" under Rule 166 (7) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012.

2. The Agenda before the Committee was as follows:-

"Scrutiny of proposed PSDP of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Financial Year 2018-19 "

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Chairperson
2.	Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate	Member
3.	Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	Member
4.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
6.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
7.	Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah	Member
8.	Senator Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
9.	Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja	Member
10.	Senator Ms. Sassui Paliyo	Member
11.	Senator Farhatullah Babar	Member
12.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
13.	Advisor to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs	Ex-Officio Member

4. A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs was held on 7th February, 2018 at 10:30 am in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad. The following members of the Committee attending the meeting:-

i.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Chairperson
ii.	Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	
iii.	Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja	
iv.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	



5. The Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs while presenting the PSDP allocations for the FY 2018-19 indicated that there was one major project i.e. construction of Margalla International Convention Centre and State Guest House, Islamabad.
6. The Project was initiated in 2015, since then the Protocol Division of the Ministry has been handling the matter. The said Division has been attending series of meetings involving Prime Minister's Office (PMO); Cabinet Division and others related to the project. The HQ&F Division later got involved in relation to allocations in the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) and its review meetings.
7. The project is named as Margalla International Convention Centre and is still in initial planning stage. The proposed site is in F-4/F-5 Sector near the Prime Minister House.
8. Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the sponsoring agency of the project. CDA is the executing agency.
9. During the last financial year (2016-17) the estimated cost of the project was Rs. 2 billion. An amount of Rs. 500 million was allocated in PSDP 2016-17. No releases were requested by this Ministry or CDA. The allocation was ultimately surrendered by the Ministry.
10. During the current financial year it has been divided into the following two projects:-
 - a) Consultancy Services for State Guest House and Conference Centre, Islamabad (PC-II). Estimated cost of this project is Rs. 268.000 million. Against this Rs. 100 million have been allocated during the current financial year.
 - b) Construction of State Guest House and Conference Centre, Islamabad. Estimated cost of the project is Rs. 10 billion. Against this Rs. 100 million have been allocated during the current financial year.
11. No releases have been requested by this Ministry so far in the current financial year.
12. Only PC-II of the project regarding selection of consultant for feasibility study of the project has so far been prepared. It was sent to the Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform. The PC-II was considered during the meeting of the Central Development Working Party (CDWP), which was held on 11th April, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Minister for Planning, Development and Reform/Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The CDWP took the following decisions:-

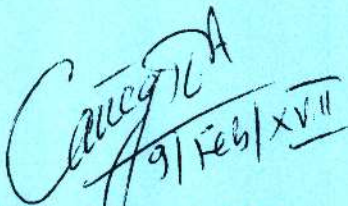


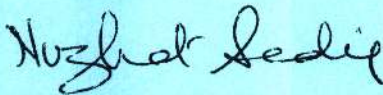
- a. Sponsors will constitute a committee comprising all stakeholders including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CDA and PM Office for development of clear concept, design requirements as well as preparation of detailed scope of the project.
- b. Ministry of Foreign Affairs will consult all its Missions in the world for best practices and working models for the state guest houses and come up with comprehensive plan.
- c. The project will be divided into different packages comprising the Government owned package i.e. villas, banquet hall, meeting rooms and Public Private Partnership package i.e. 6 star hotel and other recreational activities complex.
- d. Sponsors will solicit clearance of the location from security agencies regarding proposed site of the project.
- e. Sponsors will submit modified PC-I after compliance of all directions of CDWP.

13. PC-I will be prepared after feasibility studies have been undertaken. It will be submitted to relevant forums thereafter.

14. This Ministry of Foreign Affairs requested that the Standing Committee may kindly recommend allocation of Rs. 100 million for the Consultancy Services for State Guest House and Conference Centre, Islamabad (PC-II) in the next financial year's PSDP (2018-19).

15. The Chairperson & the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted this report and approved its laying before the Honourable House.


(Dr. Syed Pervaiz Abbas)
AS / Secretary Committee


(Senator Nuzhat Sadiq)
Chairperson