

SENATE SECRETARIAT

No. F. 5(1)/2024-2027/C-I (9)

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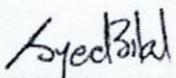
A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, the 8th October 2024 at 02:00 P.M., in Committee Room No. 2, Parliament House, Islamabad. In case the Senate is in session on the aforementioned time, the meeting will be held at 11:00 A.M.

2. The **agenda** of the Committee will be as under:-
- i. Consideration of Starred Question No. 90 asked by Senator Zeeshan Khanzada in the sitting of the Senate held on 10th September, 2024, and referred to the Committee for report.
 - ii. Further discussion on the non-inclusion of Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman on the Board of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (2021-24 tenure), and the matter of non-inclusion of Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan on the Board of TDAP (2024-27 tenure), despite nomination by the Chairman Senate and subsequent ratification by the Senate Committee on Commerce, and:
 - a. The Ministry of Commerce to explain the current status of the draft summary for the Cabinet for nomination of Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan as member of the TDAP Board, forwarded to the Ministry of Law and Justice for comments. The Ministry of Commerce to further state if the Senate Secretariat was communicated that the Chairman Senate's nomination of Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman dated 10th August 2021, and subsequent ratification by the Senate Commerce Committee dated 25th August, 2021, was not complied with;
 - b. **The Ministry of Commerce to further clarify whether advice of Law and Justice Division under Rule 14 of the Rules of business was sought before the issuance of Ministry of Commerce letter dated July 10, 2023 declaring TDAP a SOE;**
 - c. **The Ministry of Commerce to provide the notification by virtue of which an Advisor with a status of Federal Minister was declared a Federal Minister for Commerce and Textile and as a result thereof was designated Chairman of TDAP Board. (Reference page 174, para 692 of file noting dated 14 .1. 2021);**
 - d. **Additionally, the Ministry of Commerce to provide the delegation of powers authorization by the then Prime Minister that resulted in the Advisor to chair the TDAP Board;**
 - e. Ministry of Law and Justice to explain its position on the draft summary for the Cabinet for nomination of Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan as member of the TDAP Board, forwarded by the Ministry of Commerce for comments. Ministry of Law to further give their position in light of the Rules of Business 1973 if cabinet approval is required for the appointment of an ex-officio non-official board member to the TDAP board;
 - f. Mr. Khashih ur Rehman, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice to explain the opinion of the Ministry of Law and Justice vide U.O. No. 135/2020-Law-I, dated 21st May, 2020, given under his signature in the context of the board of the National Archives of Pakistan, which was submitted to the Committee by the Ministry of Commerce and cited as the reason for non-inclusion of Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman on the Board of TDAP for the period 2021-24;

- g. Ministry of Finance and Revenue to explain their position whether TDAP is categorized as a State Owned Enterprise or not, and whether the disqualification applicable on independent board members could be extended to include ex-officio members who are non-officials category in the board composition as per the TDAP law. Considering the fact that the Ministry of Finance in response to Senates Starred Question No. 84 asked during the sitting of the Senate on 10th September, 2024 has explicitly not included TDAP in the list of SOE's.
- iii. **Ministry of Commerce to provide the following record:**
- List of ex-officio positions occupied on deputation from outside the Commerce and Trade Group in the Ministry of Commerce (last ten years);
 - Name of Director HR-CP from Jan 1, 2021 to date, and Credentials and Resume of Mr. Ahsan Riaz Chaudhry, who served as Director HR-CP;
 - Composition of HR committee of TDAP Board.
- iv. Detailed briefing by the following Trade and Investment Officers (TIOs) of the Ministry of Commerce posted abroad:

Participants	Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade and Investment Counsellor, Nairobi, Kenya Trade and Investment Attaché, Lagos, Nigeria Trade and Investment Attaché, Johannesburg, South Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core functions, role, and achievements. Main imports of the country of posting, including imports from Pakistan. Current magnitude of imports from Pakistan, and future potential. Details of trade disputes received or referred to the offices of the TIO's, including details of disputes resolved, along with reasons for non-settlement of outstanding disputes. Whether a list of indenters for existing and potential imports into the country of posting has been prepared/maintained and shared with the Ministry of Commerce, Chambers of Commerce and exporters in Pakistan. Details, if any, of assistance provided to Pakistani companies for registration with regulatory authorities in countries of posting. Efforts undertaken for enhancing the exports of minerals, API's, furniture and software from Pakistan to the country of posting.

- v. Any other item with permission of the Chair.
3. Members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.


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 Secretary Committee
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1. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Chairperson
2. Senator Sarmad Ali	Member
3. Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman	Member
4. Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan	Member
5. Senator Hamid Khan	Member
6. Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti	Member
7. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Member
8. Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
9. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
10. Senator Muhammad Tallal Badar	Member
11. Minister for Commerce	Ex-Officio member

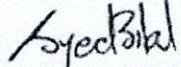
COPY FOR INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION TO:-

1. **The Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad**, with request to attend the meeting along with all concerned.
2. **The Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Islamabad**, with request to attend the meeting along with all concerned and brief the Committee on agenda item no. ii(g).
3. **The Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Islamabad**, with the request to attend the meeting and brief the Committee on Agenda Item No. ii (e) and (f).
4. **Mr. Khashih-ur-Rehman, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice** to kindly attend the meeting in person and brief the Committee on Agenda Item No. ii (f).
5. **The Chief Executive, TDAP**, with the request to attend the meeting along with all concerned.
6. **The Section Officer (Council), Ministry of Commerce** with the request to coordinate with attached organizations of the Ministry and to provide 35 copies of the working paper in Urdu and English (soft versions may be emailed to: Committee1@senate.gov.pk) along with list of participants to **at least 48 hours before the meeting**.
7. **Sr. P.S. To Minister for Commerce**, with the request to inform the Minister to kindly attend the meeting.

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1. The Attorney General for Pakistan, Islamabad.
2. The Accountant General Pakistan Revenues, Islamabad.
3. The Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
4. The Special Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Islamabad.
6. The Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Islamabad.
7. The Joint Secretaries, (Admn. & Legis. & Committees), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
8. The Principal Secretary to Chairman Senate, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
9. The Deputy Secretaries (Committees and Admin.), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
10. The Director Staff to Deputy Chairman, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
11. The Director Staff to Leader of the House, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
12. Senior Director Staff to Leader of the Opposition, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
13. The Assistant Director (Protocol P-I/Cafeteria), Parliament House, Islamabad.
14. The Deputy Director (Civil/Electrical), Parliament House, Islamabad.

15. The Director General (Automation), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
16. The Sr. Finance & Accounts Officer, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
17. The Deputy Director (Library), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
18. The Assistant Director (Media), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
19. All Directors Staff to Chairpersons, Senate Block-C, Islamabad.
20. The Office of Parliamentary Reporter Association, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
21. The Lady Senators' Services Centre, Parliament House, Islamabad.
22. The Sub-Engineer (Civil), CDA, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.
23. The Senators' Services Centre, Parliament House, Islamabad.
24. The Information Officer (Senate) P.I.D, Islamabad.
25. The Superintendent (C-I), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
26. The Medical Officer, Parliament House, Islamabad.
27. The Annunciator, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
28. The I.T, Branch Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
29. Master File.


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