

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF PWIARA HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018 AT 11.30 A.M. AT ITS REGISTERED OFFICE – OFFICE # 2, FIRST FLOOR, ABDULLAH PLAZA, 5-K, COMMERCIAL AREA, MODEL TOWN, LAHORE.**

Present:

1. Mr. Muhammad Asif Sheikh, Vice Chairman.
2. Mr. Waseem Yousaf, Member Executive Committee.
3. Mr. Asif Sarwar, Member Executive Committee
4. Mr. Muhammad Shafiq, Member Executive Committee
5. Mr. Aamir Rehman, Member Executive Committee
6. Mr. M. Aslam Kamyana, Secretary General

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Asif Seikh, Vice Chairman took over Chairmanship of the meeting. The Vice Chairman extended warm welcome to the participants of the meeting. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. Mr. Waseem Yousaf very kindly recited the Holy Verses.

- 1. To discuss the impact of letter No. 9(06)/Ozone/2018. Dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 issued by Ministry of Climate Change (National Ozone Unit) concerning exercise of extra vigilance for the import of Plastic Scrap.**

The first item of the Agenda of the meeting related to discussion about the impact of letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 issued by Ministry of Climate Change (National Ozone Unit), Islamabad. The Chairman informed the Hon'able House that Mr Zia Ul Islam from National Ozone Unit, Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad was on official tour to Bangkok, Thailand. During his visit, he observed that UN Agencies were aggressively working to minimize use of Plastics and its safe disposal. He has further written in the letter that China and India has banned import of Plastic Scrap and the similar action is being considered by Thailand. According to him there are serious concerns that this plastic Scrap may find its way to other countries including Pakistan for disposal where there is no such ban under import policy. He has suggested that respective Authorities may have to exercise extra vigilance to avoid phenomenal increase in import of Plastic Scrap in the country. The above mentioned letter has been endorsed to:-



- i. Deputy Director (Chemical), Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad
- ii. Director General, Pak EPA, Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad.
- iii. Secretary, EPA, Punjab
- iv. Secretary, EPA, Sindh, Karachi
- v. Secretary, Forestry, Environment & Wildlife, KPK
- vi. Secretary, Environmental, Sports & Youth Affairs, Quetta.

The Chairman informed the Hon'able House that this letter has created a sort of panic and Importers / Recyclers are afraid that the Import of Plastic Scrap / Waste might not be banned in Pakistan. The Chairman further informed the Hon'able that the matter has been taken up with the Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad clarifying that import of Plastic Scrap / Waste into Pakistan is subject to strict compliance of statutory regulations as laid down in the Import Policy Order, 2016 and its import into Pakistan is allowed only on meeting of the conditions stipulated in column (4) at Serial # 52 of Import Policy Order 2016. The Chairman further informed the Hon'able House that PWIARA has strongly requested to Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad for a meeting to resolve this and other pertinent issues regarding Import of Plastic Scrap / Waste into Pakistan.

The Hon'able House appreciated efforts of the Chairman and hoped that the Ministry of Climate Change shall afford an opportunity to PWIARA and give time for this purpose.

Since there was no objection from any Hon'able Member, Mr. Waseem Yousaf proposed, Mr. Asif Sarwar seconded and the motion stood approved.

**2. To review the process of Elections of the Association for the year 2018-2019.**

The second item on the Agenda of the meeting related to review the process of election of the Association for the year 2018-2019. The Chairman informed the Hon'able House that the election process of the Association for the year 2018-2019 is going as per schedule announced in terms of Rule 14 and 18 of Trade Organizations Rules, 2013. The Hon'able House felt satisfied in this regard.

Since there was no objection from any Hon'able Members, Mr Muhammad Asif Sheikh proposed, Mr. Asif Sarwar seconded and the motion stood approved.

**3. To discuss and adopt measures to raise funds for the Association for its day to day operations.**



The third item on the Agenda of the meeting related to discuss and adopt measures to raise funds for the Association to meet its day to day running expenses. The

Chairman informed the Hon'able House that PWIARA is facing financial problems in meeting its day to day expenses, as such requested all the Hon'able Members for their support in this regard.. Mr. Muhammad Asif Sheikh requested the Executive Committee Members to extend donations to the Association beside getting their Membership renewed by paying requisite renewal fee.The Hon'able House discussed in great depth and finally arrived at a decision that all the Executive Committee Members to please give donation of Rs. 5,000.- every month to financially help the Association, to which Hon;able House unanimously agreed.

Since there was no objection from any Hon'able Members, Mr. Muhammad Shafiq proposed, Mr. Muhammad Asif Sheikh seconded and the motion stood approved.

**4. Any other point with the permission of the Chair.**

Since there was no other point for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**POLYMER WASTE IMPORTERS  
And Recyclers Association**

**Secretary General**