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**Election of the President of
the Inter-Parliamentary Union**

**(Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of
the Rules of the Governing Council)**

Candidature

of

Mr. Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani (Pakistan)

On 9 July 2020, the Secretary General received a communication from the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, submitting the candidature of Mr. Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani for the office of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which is to be filled at the 206th session of the Governing Council.

The text of this communication and the curriculum vitae of Mr. M. Sadiq Sanjrani are to be found in Annexes I and II.

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**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN**

Islamabad, 9 July 2020

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am writing to you with reference to the forthcoming election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) at the 206th session of the Governing Council (virtual meeting) scheduled to be held from 1 to 4 November 2020.

On behalf of the Parliament of Pakistan, I am pleased to put forward the candidature of Senator Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, Chairman, Senate of Pakistan (Tenure as Member, Senate of Pakistan, from March 2018 to March 2024) for the forthcoming election of the President of the IPU from the Asia-Pacific Group. The portfolio of IPU President is the highest position in the largest and oldest forum of parliaments in the comity of nations. The Senate of Pakistan shall fully support the activities of Senator Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani as the new President of the IPU. (Curriculum vitae of the candidate is attached.)

I wish to share with you that Senator Sadiq Sanjrani is a very active politician, a dedicated political worker and holder of key parliamentary and executive positions. Having served at key positions in different public sector organizations, ministries and departments, Senator Sanjrani has proactively worked towards provision of basic amenities, promoting tolerance and socio-economic empowerment of people and communities from deprived and marginalized areas. Through his engagements, Mr. Sanjrani has first-hand experience of development disparities in the country as well as in the region. He is a vociferous advocate of judicious distribution of resources and eradication of structural inequalities existing in the country as well as the region. In his capacity as Chairman, Senate of Pakistan, he has led the agenda of social inclusion through parliamentary diplomacy. We have witnessed some unprecedented and much required initiatives taken from parliamentary fora to facilitate the process of inclusive decision-making.

Senator Sadiq Sanjrani stands firm to the principle of peaceful co-existence and shared prosperity. Under his Chairmanship, to promote the principles of regional inclusivity, and socio-economic mainstreaming of far-flung areas, the Senate of Pakistan has hosted meetings of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, Standing Committee on Political Affairs, at the emerging port city of Gwadar in October 2018. Similarly, he has institutionalized linkages between the IPU and Member Parliaments by steering the signing of the MOU between the IPU and the Senate Secretariat. Through this MOU, the Senate of Pakistan was able to learn from international best practices on parliamentary strengthening. The meeting witnessed delegations from 23 countries as well as the Secretary General of the IPU.

It is important to note that Senator Sanjrani's candidacy is a State nomination; since, in addition to having the support of both Chambers of the Parliament of Pakistan, it is also backed by the Government of Pakistan. In essence, Senator Sanjrani's candidacy provides a unique opportunity to occupy the Presidency of the IPU for the first time, in continuation of adequate and effective representation of Pakistan in various Committees of the IPU and other international fora. In the wake of recent challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Sanjrani reached out to almost all parliaments of the world for greater cooperation amongst the nations to share their experiences in containing this pandemic.

Given his dynamic contributions in the political and parliamentary spheres, we are convinced that the IPU Presidency will benefit from Senator Sanjrani's strong commitment towards promoting the IPU ideals and values. He will be instrumental in furthering the IPU's vision of strengthening democracy and parliaments to serve the people for peace and development.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Asad QAISER
Speaker of the National Assembly of the
Islamic Republic of Pakistan



HON'BLE MUHAMMAD SADIQ SANJRANI
Chairman, Senate of Pakistan
(The House of the Federation)

A BRIEF PROFILE:

Born on April 14, 1978, in Nok Kundi, Balochistan, Mr. Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani took oath as Chairman of the Upper House on 12 March 2018. He holds the unique distinction being the youngest Chairman of the Senate.

Holding a Master's Degree in International Relations, Mr. Sadiq Sanjrani bears a dynamic persona that infuses professional acumen with humanitarian verve.

With an impeccable knowledge of finance, economy, trade, commerce and industry, as well as geopolitical and international affairs, he has to his credit an impressive public sector administration career and social work profile. Pursuing an unmistakable "Pakistan and People First vision", his professional and political engagements reflect resolute commitment to national and people's interests.

Mr. Sanjrani's praiseworthy contributions to the social sector are rooted in his humanitarian and philanthropic zeal and commitment, which is the driving force behind his professional undertakings.

PRESENT PORTFOLIOS:

In addition to holding the highest political portfolio in the Upper House, Mr. Sadiq Sanjrani also chairs the Senate Finance Committee, Business Advisory Committee and Committee for Promotion and Development of Football in the Country.

Knowing that Pakistan is young country, he envisions greater engagement with youth especially from the marginalized segments of the society. In the Senate of Pakistan, his early formulation of a Committee for Promotion and Development of Football is one such endeavour, to promote healthy activities for youth both nationally and internationally.

PREVIOUS PUBLIC SECTOR ENGAGEMENTS:

Having served at key positions in different public sector organizations, ministries and departments, Mr. Sanjrani has proactively worked towards provision of basic amenities, promoting sports and socio-economic empowerment of people and communities from deprived and marginalized areas.

His public sector portfolios include: Director to the Board / Chairman HR Committee, National Industrial Parks Development & Management Company, Ministry of Industries & Production; Chief Coordinator to Prime Minister on Prime Minister's Grievances Wing, Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad; Director to the Board, Sui Southern Gas Company, Karachi, Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division); Member, Prime Minister's Inspection Commission, Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad; Director to the Board / Chairman HR Committee, Export Processing Zones Authority, Ministry of Industries & Production; Coordinator (Balochistan), Prime Minister's Special Grievances Wing.

Through his engagements, Mr. Sanjrani has first-hand experience of the development disparities in the country as well as in the region. He is a vociferous advocate of judicious distribution of resources and eradication of structural inequalities existing in the country as well as region.

OTHER PORTFOLIOS, ENGAGEMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS:

Mr. Sadiq Sanjrani, throughout his professional life, has maintained a busy and dynamic work routine interspersed by his multifarious engagements at different forums. Such portfolios include Ex-Member (Balochistan), Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, Islamabad; Member, Quetta Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Quetta; Member, All Pakistan Mining Association; Member, Employer Federation of Pakistan; Member, Workers Employer Bilateral Cooperation (WEBCOP); Ex-Director on the Board of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Hospital, Quetta; Founder President, Society for the Services of Humanity (SFSH), Islamabad; Member, Islamabad Club, Islamabad; Member, Gun & Country Club, Islamabad.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS:

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During his international and bilateral engagements, Mr. Sadiq Sanjrani on multiple occasions has stressed the centrality of the United Nations for addressing the challenges faced by humanity and in this regard he looks forward to enhancing parliamentary engagements with UN and other international organizations. With keen interests in the Sustainable Development Goals, he believes in strong linkages between public representatives and policymakers for their achievement. In the same vein, with information and communication technologies, youth participation in politics has multiplied, which needs to be reflected in our parliaments. He believes that it is of utmost importance to engage with youth political forces and hear their voices for inclusive democracy.

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