

LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER



Prime Minister's Office
44000 Constitution Avenue
Islamabad, Pakistan
1st October 2018

Dear members of the Cabinet,

I, as the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, summon you for a series of Cabinet Meetings, starting 11th of October, 2018.

The Federal Government of Pakistan is responsible for serving the people of Pakistan, protecting their fundamental rights, and providing them with a system of justice and egalitarianism; a system which our movement, The Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, was envisaged to fight for and achieve. Our government stands for an effective order with merit and responsiveness as the guiding principles. Running this government to build a welfare state is now a responsibility on our shoulders.

During the course of these meetings, we will follow certain provisions for efficient and smooth running of the Cabinet, which I'll lay down in front of you. I have also decided to invite two honorary members to join us in our sessions, General Zubair Mehmood Hayat and Mr. Arif Ahmed Khan, who will help us widen our perspectives during our deliberations.

General Zubair will be representing the Pakistan Armed Forces, in the capacity of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee. Mr Khan will be representing the Economic Advisory Council, in the capacity of Federal Secretary Finance. Both of these members, however, will **NOT** be given the right to vote in matters of the Cabinet.

The major theme of our discussions during these meetings would be the PTI Government's **Hundred-Day Plan**. During the course of four days, we will focus on the following five different agendas of this plan. Following a list of agendas are the procedural details under relevant headings.

- 1. Revitalizing the Economy and Austerity**
- 2. Measures for Imminent Water Crisis and strengthening Agriculture**
- 3. Averting threats to National Security**
- 4. Formulating a Foreign Policy**
- 5. Creation of a strong Welfare System**

AGENDA: A **minimum of three** agendas shall be discussed in the Cabinet. At the start of sessions, the members of the Cabinet, may propose to set any of these aspects to be the agenda of the Cabinet, and vote upon it. Similarly, at the end of discussion of a certain agenda, the members may propose another aspect to be the new agenda.

MEMBER-IN-CHARGE: During the discussion, the Cabinet may or may not raise a motion to elect a **member-in-charge** for a particular agenda. An example of this would be electing the Minister for Foreign Affairs as member-in-charge for discussing of the fourth agenda.

PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS: As members, you may propose your plans or policies, and discuss the matter in hand. This is regardless of the portfolio you currently hold or the division you represent. Each and every member is invited to contribute equally to the discussions. It is encouraged, in fact, that other ministries contribute so we have a holistic approach at solving the crises we are faced with as a team, collectively.

You are advised to research well on your portfolios, divisions and roles. I must advise you to look into standing committees, specialized agencies and other committees currently working for the Federal Government. We must take use of all the State Machinery available to us in the status quo.

GENERAL DEBATE: We will be following the conventional rules of raising titled moderated caucuses for formal debate on specific areas of the agenda, and un-moderated caucuses for lobbying. Both such motions shall need one-half of the Cabinet's approval to pass. The individual speaking time has no limit in the Cabinet, but all members are required to use their time wisely. At any moment where I may deem fit, I will ask the member to kindly end their speech. We will observe all the points (point of information, point of parliamentary enquiry, point of personal privilege, and point of order).

LANGUAGE AND ATTIRE: You may speak in English or Urdu, and dress in Western or Eastern attire.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance of each member will be taken through a Roll Call at the beginning of each session, and at least fifty percent of the Cabinet is supposed to be present before a session begins. Typical motions (beginning, suspending debate etc.) will also be followed.

GROUPING: The Cabinet, if divided on certain policy matters, may be divided in two or more blocs. Once Cabinet Action Plan(s) or any other document(s) are presented and introduced to the cabinet, and adequately discussed, any of you may choose to close debate on the agenda, and move towards voting. Voting on the documents will take place through Roll Call.

POSITION PAPERS: No Position Papers are expected from you. Instead, a short **Policy Direction Paper** shall be provided to me at the start of the sessions, explaining the direction you wish for the Cabinet to take on the aforementioned agendas. Policy Direction Papers may not exceed three-hundred words in length.

DOCUMENTATION: The Cabinet is expected to present '**Cabinet-Action-Plan(s)**' at the end of discussion of a certain agenda. The Cabinet Action Plan is supposed to be a document detailing the mechanisms and operations that shall be undertaken by the Federal Government in successful resolution of the problems in the agenda. The passed Cabinet Action Plans will be sent to the National Assembly of Pakistan for further deliberation, and then converted into a resolution, or a bill, if necessary, of the National Assembly. Failure of a Cabinet Action Plan on an agenda to receive at least a simple majority (one vote more than fifty percent) in the Cabinet will lead to that Cabinet Action Plan failing. The Cabinet Action Plan must mention the entire framework of the plans they present, including which ministry or department will be responsible to execute what part of the plan. The preferred format of a Cabinet Action Plan in form of a sample is attached with this letter.

DIRECTIVES: Importantly, As the Prime Minister, I will have access to information and intelligence that I may choose to forward to some members of the cabinet, privately. If necessary, I might inform the entire Cabinet of any update presented to me. The intelligence shared with a member privately may or may not be accompanied with a **personal directive** (written from the Prime Minister, detailing my expectations from you) to the particular member of the Cabinet. The secrecy of such directives shall be maintained at all costs, as it may concern of stability of Pakistan.

DISRUPTIVE AGENDA: I may also bring the Cabinet's attention to an urgent matter, tabling debate on a certain agenda, if necessary. On such urgent matters, you, honorable ministers, are expected to pass a '**Cabinet Directive**', in my name, which shall have a format similar to a Cabinet Action Plan, but with no unnecessary details.

QUERIES: I shall be the final authority on any questions or queries raised on the subject of Rules of Procedure. I will be accompanied by Cabinet Secretaries as assistants at the dais.

May Allah guide us to work on the right path and serve the people of Pakistan.

Yours Sincerely,



Imran Khan
Prime Minister
Islamic Republic of Pakistan



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET DIVISION

CABINET ACTION PLAN
(2018/A01/01)

Agenda: *Effective implementation of Counter-Terrorism Mechanisms*

Presented in the Cabinet Meeting

Chaired by the Prime Minister

On 20th of September 2018

On Authority of the member-in-charge: *Federal Minister for Defence*

The Federal Government,

After discussion,

- a) Realizes that it is important to establish necessary frameworks to expand the National Action Plan and implement them throughout Pakistan for prevention of acts threatening the peace and stability of Pakistan,
- b) Also takes into account that it is important to recognize the role of the Armed Forces, Civilian Armed Forces and the Defence Sector in protection of Pakistan from external threats and internal security concerns,

Therefore proposes the following:

- a) Declare that decisions passed by the military special trial courts, established under Army Act Amendment of 2015 and Twenty-first Constitutional Amendment 2015, working in line with the procedures of Anti-Terrorism Courts as mentioned Section 19 of the Anti-Terrorism Court will be subject to appeal or review in the Supreme Court of Pakistan only
- b) Ensure that NACTA is made active and efficient by improving the condition of NACTA by solving the issue of Budget allocations, understaffing and also lack of transparency by allocating the budget of NACTA through the Ministry of Finance, which has released a tranche of Rs.1.06billion, under the annual budget of Ministry of Interior, taking guidance from Section 15 of the NACTA Act, and recruiting staff through Federal Public Service Commission Examinations in NACTA so that an incentivized and efficient workforce helps NACTA to function efficiently as lack of service rules is a major problem.

On direction from the Prime Minister, the aforementioned provisions must be sent to the President of Pakistan, with a request of summoning a session of the National Assembly to further discuss the matters in the Parliament.

To be also published in the Gazette of Pakistan after approval from the Cabinet Secretariat.

RESEARCH GUIDELINE:

- The agendas mentioned in the Prime Minister's Letters will be discussed in the Cabinet. All of these agendas are described in the Manifesto of the PTI, and Imran Khan's hundred-day plan. These two documents, obviously, represent only PTI's perspective, which is why it is expected from the members of the Cabinet to research on the agendas generally, too.
- Apart from Agendas, the members of the Cabinet are expected to be well-versed with their portfolios. For proper discussion and consideration of all aspects of a certain agenda, it is important that all members contribute to the discussion. Please research on how your ministry works, what is your responsibility, and for those who do not represent a ministry, it is important that you research on your portfolio's responsibility.
- Importantly, it is expected of the members of the Cabinet to know the constitutional and legal aspect. You must know how Pakistan's constitution and legislation limits certain actions and how it provides a framework for others. Keep at least a soft copy of the updated Constitution of Pakistan (1973) with you. It is also very important to be aware of Pakistan's history and culture. It is impossible to have a fruitful discussion on Pakistan's future without looking at the precedents set in the past by previous governments and regimes.
- The Cabinet must also keep in mind that this series of meetings is not just replicating what has already been proposed, but rather about creating new and innovative ideas to solve the issues, while putting forward implementable frameworks that allow execution of the plans.

Members of the Cabinet are provided with the following links as research material:

1. <http://insaf.pk/public/insafpk/news/imran-khan-reveals-100-days-agenda-pti-govt>
2. <http://insaf.pk/public/insafpk/content/manifesto>
3. <https://nation.com.pk/27-Jul-2018/pti-govt-to-face-myriad-challenges>
4. <https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2018/07/27/economy-challenges-and-opportunities/>
5. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/1770475/6-foreign-policy-challenges-opportunities-new-govt/>
6. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/1759814/1-pti-chief-promises-build-bhasha-dam/>
7. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1404217>
8. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1425127>
9. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1426517>
10. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1428896>
11. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1414476>
12. <https://dailytimes.com.pk/297011/a-history-of-educational-reforms-and-why-the-pti-should-focus-on-this-sector/>
13. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/1788003/1-pti-govt-vows-allocate-resources-education/>
14. <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/326969-water-crisis-why-is-pakistan-running-dry>
15. <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/360741-cabinet-forms-task-forces-to-implement-100-day-plan>