

PAKISTAN OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT PROMOTERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 9th June 2021 AT 02:00 PM POEPA HEAD OFFICE

ISLAMABAD.

Respected Members,

1. The meeting Chaired by the Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Usman was held in the Meeting Room of POEPA Head office, ISLAMABAD on Wednesday, 9th June 2021. Following officials and members had participated in the meeting:-

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| 1. Mr. Muhammad Usman | (Chairman) |
| 2. Mr. Capt Naseem Akhter Mehmood | (Senior Vice Chairman) |
| 3. Mikaeel Khan Bangash | (Vice Chairman) |
| 4. Mr. Munawar Agha | (Member, E.C) |
| 5. Mr. Muhammad Feroz Khan | (Member, E.C) |
| 6. Mr. M. Rafiq Janjua | (Member, E .C) |
| 7. Syed Athar Iqbal | (Member, E .C) |
| 8. Mr. Sheikh Ali Sher | (Member, E .C) |
| 9. Muhammad Riaz Khan | (Member, E .C) |
| 10. Mr. Dawood Khan | (Member, E .C) |
| 11. Mr. Umer Iqbal Warraich | (Member, E .C) |
| 12. Qaiser Naeem Malik | (Member, E .C) |
| 13. Ghulam Hassan Jhangail | (Member, E .C) |

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| 14. Qaiser Mehmood Kiani | (Member, E .C) |
| 15. Syed Khalid Jamal | (Member, E .C) |
| 16. Mr. Shahbaz Zeb Khan | Secretary General, POEPA |

The meeting deliberated on the following agenda items:-

AGENDA NO.1	Approval of accounts of incurred expenses in the month of (April-May 2021) & Minutes of Meeting (7th April 2021)
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The executive committee had thoroughly examine the expenses occurred in the preceding month of April-May 2021, the account sheets were circulated among all the members, Secretary General had briefed all the expenditures occurred in the aforementioned months for scrutiny & perusal, after the discussion over all the head of accounts the committee had unanimously approved the accounts for the month of April & May 2021.

Decision:

The executive committee has unanimously approved the expenses occurred in the preceding months April & May 2021. Furthermore the committee had approved the Minutes of meeting of 7th April 2021.

Agenda No.2	Updates regarding reopening of Flight Operations and uplifting of travel restrictions & vaccination approval by NCOC.
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Chairman had given the briefing over the reopening of flights that constant efforts were made, corresponding requests by both the private and public sector, Prime minister top priority agenda in the recent visit to KSA was the reopening of flights

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operations specially for vaccinated Pakistani workforce/ intending emigrants, further discussing the allotment of Pfizer vaccination it was told to the members that the first shipment of Pfizer is allotted to the patients which are less immune, suffering major diseases & elderly citizens, whereas it was committed by the NCOC that in the next lot of Pfizer, a substantial amount of vaccines will definitely allotted to the intending emigrants workforce. POEPA had sent several request letters to all the competent authorities to make fruitful efforts and policies to uplift the travel restrictions from Pakistani intending emigrants. The suggestions were rendered via letters to formulate the strategy of vaccination of all the intending emigrants on priority basis enabling them to join their employment abroad at the earliest possibility. Moreover, a letter from Ministry of OP & HRD was written to Ministry of Health, which was then forwarded to NCOC, to acquire the approval of **SINOPHARM & SINOVAC**, by corresponding and taking on board the CWAs and Pakistan Embassy in KSA.

Decision:

A unanimous decision by the executive committee was given that POEPA will execute continuous efforts & run-through all the channels to overcome difficulties related to re-opening of flights & the vaccination of intending emigrants.

Agenda No.3	Difficulties related to New MUSANED System of KSA.
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The Chairman had briefed about the integration of new MUSANED System for private labor or private worker visas, a centralized system for issuance of online Wakalas, wherein the complete briefing was given by MOFA, KSA on the operations of the system. The MUSANED system will integrate a partnership agreement with MAKTAB-AL ISTEQDAM & the recruitment agency herein Pakistan. Wakalah will be

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issued online on submission of CVs and other credentials as per the requirement of the MOFA, KSA.

DECISION:

It has been decided that POEPA will assist OEPs in case of any difficulties or problems faced in understanding or operating the Musaned System.

Agenda No.4	Meeting related to newly appointed Federal Secretary MOPHRD & COMMISSIONER, PRA Rawalpindi.
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The committee was briefed by the Chairman, that letter requesting the appointment of meeting with the Federal Secretary was referred to the ministry; the corresponding agenda was also forwarded, as directed by officials, unfortunately time for meeting has not been provided due to illness of the Joint secretary as she is Covid-19 positive, so it was informed by the Ministry that in absence of the joint staff, meeting cannot be commenced, after the joining of J.S an appropriate time will be provided for the meeting probably in the month of July. Moreover the meeting with commissioner PRA was discussed in the meeting, it was briefed that the collection activities by the PRA would be lenient and even the OEPs whom will get registered with PRA, will only be liable to pay the sales tax charged from the date of registration and onwards. POEPA urged the officials to please provide us a written document for this relief, so we could be able to convince our community to get registered with PRA without any fear of outstanding or previous liabilities. Furthermore this will ultimately enhance the Tax net of PRA, maximum business will get registered.



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Agenda No.5	Sindh High Court Petition 4083/2020 and OEC W.P. in IHC
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The Chairman had briefed the committee regarding the latest date of Hearing in SHC case, in which the reply of the regulator Trade organizations was submitted, the secretary general had visited the RTO office, but due to surge in COVID cases the staff members are on leave and rotations, therefore certain tasks are still pending. Sindh High court stance in this case is still the same that the petition is still not maintainable as the petitioner had failed to convince the court that the Elections 2020 were not held in accordance with the prescribed rules and regulations in T.O Rules 2013.

Moreover the W.P. of OEC is preceded further but the Ministry of OP & HRD had asked for more time for submitting their reply. Subsequently, the attorney by the Federal government was Covid-19 in the next hearing date, and due to COVID surge the high court was not functioning properly only the urgent cases were heard in these days but the writ petitions were not provided with the hearing dates, as the court will resume the application for the new hearing date will be submitted in accordance with functioning of Islamabad High Court and the advocate will formally inform the association regarding hearing date.

Decision:

The executive committee had decided to pursue the pending cases, of SHC and IHC and find quick resolution, while as soon as the resume its operations the attorney hired for the case, must render the application for hearing date for W.P 4276/2019.

Agenda	Briefing on the meeting held with the medical Centre owners
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Chairman had briefed the executive committee regarding the meeting held with the Medical Centre owners, in which decided that medical centre will remain in close coordination with POEPA, rectifying any day to day problem faced by the OEP members on case to case basis. They had requested to avoid arguments with the staff members, whereas they directly submit complaints to the owners either by themselves or through Chairman POEPA.

Decision:

It was decided that the OEPs will be informed to guide their staff to avoid unnecessary arguments with the staff of medical centers, if they encounter any problem they must report it to the OEPs. Only considerable & significant complaints irrespective of inconsequential or minor problems can be pledged through Chairman POEPA or the Executive Committee members.

Agenda No.7	Matters related to KSA Embassy Islamabad & Consulate Karachi
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The Chairman had briefed about the efforts which were made to resolve the impending issues solely related to Saudi Embassy Islamabad, consecutive letters, follow up meetings, request through FPCCI and an unofficial meeting with the Ambassador at Movenpick hotel, but unfortunately due to some unavoidable reasons, we were not provided the time for meeting with the Ambassador, KSA. Whereas a meeting with Head of Consulate Section was held, but most of the burning issues are still anticipating to be resolved.

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Mr. Mikaeel Khan Bangash had briefed the members that he had held the meeting with the Ambassador and Head of Consulate section to resolve the issues of Agreement (aqad amal), Blacklist agencies and issues related to Medical centers and he assures that soon, our requests and the issues of the OEP community will be resolved as per the commitments of the higher authorities in Embassy of Saudi Arabia. Numerous complaints of OEPs have been rendered for rejection of cases with minor objections of signature mismatch and few days underage limit on the medical and at the time of Visa endorsement.

DECISION:

The committee had decided to continue efforts to resolve the issues related to Saudi Embassy Islamabad, through consecutive letters to Embassy, taking on board the Ministry and FPCCI & Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to overcome the burning issues, likely to resolve with continuous efforts of the esteemed authorities.

Agenda No.8	Status of renting POEPA Rawalpindi offices & discussion about other POEPA regional offices.
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The case of renting out of Rawalpindi office was discussed in the meeting, wherein a committee was formed in the previous meeting which is decided to be headed by Mr. Mikaeel Khan Bangash & Sheikh Ali Sher along with members from ISD/RWP zone were directed to acquire the keys for POEPA Rawalpindi office and rent out the premises at the earliest possibility. Notification of the committee was issued with the approval of the executive committee, in the notification the committee was appointed to perform two tasks one is to rent out the premises of Rawalpindi office in possession

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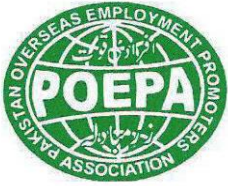
& lodge FIR against Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan to eliminate the illegal possession over the other asset of POEPA in Rawalpindi. Furthermore the Chairman had briefed the committee about the matter of handing over Karachi office, he told the members that some senior members of our OEP community wanted to resolve this matter without any dispute and will amicably handover the premises to POEPA, only a final sitting/meeting is required to be happen before the settlement, which got delayed due to illness and surge in COVID-19 cases. He further mentions that, we have high hopes that soon we will be able to give good news to the community regarding the possession of Karachi office. Lahore office rent for the month of May & June is still receivable, whereas Mr. Abdul Rasheed Chaudhry had committed to clear the due payments of two month rent in the month of June.

Decision:

The committee had approved & decided to expedite the procedures required to rent out POEPA properties in Rawalpindi further delay will inflict losses. Matter of Karachi office must be resolved by any means, extensive time was given to the incumbents illegally possessing the POEPA rightful property henceforth it was decided that the Executive Committee members from Karachi will lodge FIR against the incumbents involved in the illegal possession of to eliminate the illegal possession over POEPA Karachi office and hand it over to the OEP community without any further delay.

Agenda No.9	Approval of Medical Insurance of POEPA staff
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The executive committee had been briefed by the Secretary General that the POEPA staff had not been provided with the benefits of Medical Insurance, as all the other



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private companies and associations have provided this facility to their staff members through corporate or individual packages. Keeping in view the current state of affair the threatening Covid-19 and forecasting any other health issues, it has become quite imperative to have a comprehensive health insurance for the staff. He further added that, insurance packages quotation from reliable companies like IGI, Jubilee, EFU will be acquired and will be presented to the executive committee for approval.

Decision:

The executive committee had unanimously approved the Secretary General application for provision of Medical insurance benefits to the POEPA, subject to the approval of one reliable & comprehensive packages offered by the trustworthy company preferably IGI and Jubilee.

There was no further point to discuss. The meeting was adjourned with the greetings from/to the Chair.

CC:

1. **Regulator TOs, Directorate General of Trade Organization.**
2. **All members of Executive Committee.**



(Shahbaz Zeb Khan)
Secretary General.