

Press Release

CLRC Deliberates Upon Draft Concept Paper for Development of Corporate Sector

Islamabad - February 6, 2006: The third meeting of the Corporate Laws Review Commission (CLRC) was held in Lahore at the Company Registration Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). The meeting was chaired by Chief Justice of Pakistan (Retd.) Ajmal Mian and was attended by Mr. Razzak Dawood, Mr. Qazi Jamil, Dr. Tariq Hassan, Mr. Sohail Hasan, Mr. Hameed Chaudhary and Mr. Tahsin Iqbal Khan. Chairman SECP, Mr. Razi-ur-Rahman Khan and Commissioner Company Law Division, Mr. Rashid Malik who had been inducted as members of the CLRC, also attended this meeting.

The CLRC deliberated upon the draft concept paper for the development and regulation of the corporate sector. The members of the CLRC unanimously agreed upon the conceptual approach for the redrafting or the amendment of the law, as the case may be. Specifically, it was agreed that the law should be made clear, concise and comprehensible; it should lay down the rules governing “core company law” so that the basic principles governing the operation of corporate entities from registration to winding up may be available in a single, comprehensive framework. Most importantly, it was agreed that the law while embracing international best practices should be suitable to the local environment.

In order to facilitate public opinion and stakeholder comments, the CLRC has decided to hold its first regional public meeting in Karachi on 10 March 2006. The meeting will be attended by the three permanent members of the regional sub-committee, Chairman CLRC Chief Justice of Pakistan (Retd.) Ajmal Mian, Dr. Tariq Hassan, Secretary to the CLRC, Amber Darr. Mr. Sohail Hasan, the resident member from Karachi, will also attend this meeting. Members of the public and selected stakeholders will be invited to make presentations before the regional sub-committee. The comments received from the public will be taken into consideration at the time of redrafting or amending the law, as the case may be.

The next meeting of the CLRC will be held in Karachi on 11 March 2006 to further deliberate upon the desirable concepts for the proposed redrafting or amendment of the Companies Ordinance, 1984.