

## **SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**

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## SECP approved comprehensive framework to enforce Urdu as official language

ISLAMABAD, September 11: In view of government instructions, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has approved a comprehensive framework to implement Urdu as its official language.

The Commission in his meeting on Friday approved the establishment a translation department to ensure translation of all the important laws, rules, and regulations into Urdu. The Commission has decided the Urdu will be used as a medium of communication in all official meetings, seminars, roundtables, hearing. In case, the audiences are not Urdu literate, services of translators will be used to facilitate the participants.

It has also been decided that the SECP's communication with external stakeholders will be done in Urdu very soon. Commission has instructed to initiate work on setting up of SECP's Urdu language website. The SECP will use as Nastaleeq as official format for Urdu.

Mr. Zafar Hijazi, the SECP Chairman, describe the Supreme Court's judgment on Urdu as a "landmark". He has emphasized the need for implementing this decision with full force and vigor. He said Quaid-i-Azam had also believed that Urdu was the language that ensured national integration and cohesion.