

AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT JAC MEETING
1 November, 2008

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1. The Government shall give full guarantees of the independence of the judiciary. In this regard the Government shall remove all restraints imposed on the judges of the superior courts on 3 November 2007 and ensure that all these judges are able to fully perform the functions of their office.
2. All laws or constitutional amendments issued during the emergency of 3 November 2007 that curtail the freedom of the press and interfere with autonomy and independence of judges and lawyers and professional bodies such as the Bar Councils will be repealed.
3. The Government shall take all measures necessary to establish electoral processes that guarantee free, fair and regular elections, including the establishment of an independent and permanent election commission with authority over all matters related to the electoral process in Pakistan.
4. Reforms of the Judicial and penal system will be undertaken to ensure the right to due process and fair trial; the right of civilians to be tried by civilian courts; treatment of prisoners in accordance with international standards; and safeguards against torture and other cruel and inhuman or degrading punishment or treatment in a custodial environment. Provisions for reparation and compensation to victims of human rights violations will be introduced through appropriate laws. A Commission will be established to review the death penalty. A moratorium on death penalty will be imposed till the findings of the Commission are made public and measures to implement any recommended changes are adopted.
5. The right to life and liberty will be ensured. The security forces and the intelligence structures in the country will be re-assessed and reformed by legislating laws that specify their functions and authority with clarity and establish effective mechanisms for their control and accountability. Processes will be established on an urgent basis to investigate in a transparent and impartial manner all complaints and incidents of deaths in custody, extra-judicial killings, disappearances, incommunicado detentions and torture. Immediate measures will be taken to close all illegal and clandestine places of detention used by the intelligence and security personnel. Immediate measures will also be taken to recover the disappeared and release those illegally detained.
6. The government shall undertake to guarantee public safety and security by ensuring the demobilization of militants and effective program of control on weapons throughout the country.

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7. Adequate provisions will be made for the safe return of civilian population displaced because of military operations against terrorism or insurgency, with full restoration of their property and guarantee of a secure environment. In the interim humanitarian assistance will be provided to IDPs in all parts of the country and help of the international humanitarian agencies will be sought where required.

8. All laws or policies that deny women equality of status or opportunity shall be repealed. Guarantees of protection against violence will be supported by legislation that provides effective mechanisms for complaint and prosecution. The Government undertakes to enforce a domestic violence law prepared in consultation with civil society and experts.

9. The Government undertakes to provide laws for the enforcement of people's economic, social and cultural rights and to ensure that laws against bonded and child labor are fully implemented and the core ILO Conventions respected in letter and spirit.

10. Local governments will be mobilized and provided with adequate resources in order to undertake development initiatives that secure peoples' right to employment, food, adequate housing, clean water and dignified standard of living. The Government shall ensure that women benefit equally from development initiatives, including the right to ownership of land or property under any government program.

11. Protection of minorities shall be ensured and stringent action will be taken against those who violate their civil and political as well economic, social and cultural rights. Laws that discriminate or place any of these minorities at risk shall be reviewed and reformed.

12. The Government shall fully respect the rights of human rights defenders as provided in the United Nations Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. The Government undertakes to facilitate the work of these defenders by allowing access to information and respecting their freedom of association, assembly and expression. The Government also undertakes to take all measures necessary to protect defenders against any harm because of their work.

13. Pakistan shall use its membership of the United Nations Human Rights Council to promote the cause of human rights and to strengthen the international human rights system. It will use its influence and association with other inter-governmental bodies to assist the Council in establishing and conducting effective systems for impartial and objective scrutiny and accountability on human rights. Arrangements will be made to disclose and disseminate to the Pakistani public the position taken by Pakistan on human rights issues at all international forums.

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