COUNTRY: The Islamic Republic of Pakistan

COMMITTEE: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

TOPIC AREA: Corruption on the Polarization of Society: Identifying Rigged and Dysfunctional Systems

## Dear honorable chairs and esteemed delegates,

## Corruption  is widespread, and extends to every sector from government to judiciary, police, health services and education

## The problems are long-standing, and despite ongoing calls for reform, and many attempts to improve the situation, there is little evidence of progress. The current government led by cricketer turned to uproot corruption from all sectors. However, there is little success in bringing accountability across the board. The promise to build a welfare state on the government has been enshrined by us but there is little success on practical grounds.

## Corruption remains a substantial obstacle for us where it is still perceived to be widespread and systemic. Petty corruption in the form of bribery is prevalent in law enforcement, procurement and the provision of public services. The judiciary is not seen as independent and considered to be shielding corrupt political practices from prosecution. Various efforts over the past years have tried to develop institutional mechanisms to address these problems. A National Anti-Corruption Strategy, which was developed in 2002, offers a comprehensive plan for tackling corruption. The executing agency, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), is endowed with comprehensive powers to investigate and prosecute cases

## Over many years anti-corruption policy makers have considered it to be a function of enforcement only. The result has been a series of laws and agencies coming up over the years that concentrated on penal action only. Public demand has also advocated an enforcement based approach, hence the slogan accountability. However, our experience and that of similar states in the world has revealed that unless the causes of corruption are addressed, the society is empowered to stand up for its rights, and the Political Will to take unpalatable decisions is created, corruption will continue unabated. Unless a comprehensive approach is used, efforts to resurrect the pillars of national integrity system will fail. National Anti-corruption Strategy proposes exactly this approach.

## We want to find more solutions about identifying Rigged and Dysfunctional systems and prevent it by laws