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**Subject: CICA's Partnership Network of Leading Universities (PNLU)**

I am directed to refer to U.O. No. UN (I)-6/4/2024 dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the subject cited above.

02. The U.O. has highlighted that during a recent meeting between Secretary General of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Secretary General expressed an interest in establishing partnerships between top universities of CICA member states.

03. In light of this, your esteemed university is kindly requested to indicate its willingness to collaborate with top universities of CICA member states. Subsequently, we would appreciate receiving specific proposals for these collaborations.

04. Kindly share your university's interest with the undersigned by Friday, 13 December 2024.

**(Syed Ali Roshan)**  
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The Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) is an intergovernmental forum aimed at enhancing cooperation for promoting peace, security and stability in Asia. CICA primarily promotes confidence building measures under five broad domains: economic dimension, environmental dimension, human dimension, new challenges and threats, and military-political dimension.

2. During the recent visit of CICA Secretary General Kairat Sarybay to Pakistan from 19 to 23 August 2024, he called on the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister. During these meetings, he emphasized that CICA is eager to establish a partnership among leading universities of member countries, highlighting the aspiration to strengthen cooperation in higher education and science, and to develop academic ties among universities in the CICA region. In this context, the CICA Secretary General sought nominations of top academic institutions from Pakistan. The List of CICA Countries is enclosed.

3. In view of the above, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) is requested to propose a list of willing universities which wish to be part of CICA's Partnership Network of Leading Universities (PNLU).

4. The matter may kindly be accorded priority.

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**(Syeda Mubashra Arooj)**  
Assistant Director (UN-I)

Executive Director, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad

M/s Foreign Affairs' U.O. No. UN (I)-6/4/2024 dated 11 November 2024

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**List of CICA Member States**

1. Afghanistan
2. Azerbaijan
3. Bahrain
4. Bangladesh
5. Cambodia
6. China
7. Egypt
8. India
9. Iran
10. Iraq
11. Israel
12. Jordan
13. Kazakhstan
14. Kuwait
15. Kyrgyzstan
16. Mongolia
17. Pakistan
18. Palestine
19. Qatar
20. Republic of Korea
21. Russia
22. Sri Lanka
23. Tajikistan
24. Thailand
25. Türkiye
26. UAE
27. Uzbekistan
28. Viet Nam

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