

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF INTER PROVINCIAL COORDINATION
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN**

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This Memorandum of Understanding dated 14th January, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as "**MOU**") is concluded and entered into between:

1. **The Ministry of Science and Technology**, having its headquarters located at 1-Constitution Avenue, G-5/2, Islamabad(hereinafter referred to as the **Ministry of Science and Technology**); and
2. **The Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination**, having its headquarters located at Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination, 2nd Floor, Kohsar Block, Pak. Secretariat, Islamabad (hereinafter referred to as the **Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination**).

Both entities representing the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and referred to as the "Ministries"

WHEREAS:

- A. The Parties intend to establish a cooperation framework for the development and implementation to set-up an Electronic Sports ("**Esports**") Platform in Pakistan, with a view to creating a new Esports Policy and boosting the Esport Industry with the necessary platforms and regulations in the Country and draw near to the global Esport ecosystem;
- B. The Parties have agreed to adopt MOU between the Parties to further strengthen the exchange and cooperation of bilateral relations between the Parties for the development of Esports.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants set forth in this MOU, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. This MoU aims to establish and strengthen the relations between the two Ministries in the field of development and setting-up Esports Program and Policy and recognition of Electronic Sports as a Sport in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

- 2.1. Within the framework of the Esports Program, the Parties agree to cooperate, through their competent authorities, in the following areas:
 - A. Developing and Setting-up an Esports Program and declaring Esports as a Sport in Pakistan and receive equal benefits as other Sports activities in Pakistan;

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- B. Agree on policy perspective and necessary regulations in Pakistan for Esports;
- C. Set-up a regulated Electronic Sport Federation under prevailing legal framework.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

3.1. The Ministry of Science and Technology shall itself or through various subsidiary and affiliate entities:

- A. bring the technological know-how along with the necessary expertise to set-up the Esports Program and develop a detailed business plan (specifying technology elements, timelines, pricing strategies etc.) to set-up the Program in Pakistan;
- B. structure and lay-down grassroots infrastructure for the Esports Program and contribute towards new Esport Policy;
- C. commit to offer market competitive prices and discount to Government for Esports Program facilitation;
- D. engage, train and employ local workforce in its facilities and train workforce and improve the Gaming Industry;
- E. provide support and enable the flow of information for conduct of field studies and development of business plan supporting the Esports Program;
- A. facilitate and provide the necessary support to enable working relationship with Pakistan Cricket Board to develop and issue a country-wide league;
- B. assist the Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination in regulating the Esports Industry.
- C. work together with the private partners to improve the Gaming Industry and provide the necessary training and youth development for the industry to grow.
- D. provide necessary support in execution of the business plan including provision of suitable sites, tax benefits and support in creating awareness for the gaming industry, facilitate the conduct of various national level programs.
- E. provide, facilitate and assist in obtaining all approvals, authorizations, visa support, assistance and permits of all relevant authorities strictly related to the implementation of this MoU.

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