

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & TEXTILE
COMMERCE DIVISION
(WTO-WING)**

**TERMS OF REFERENCES (TORS) FOR STUDY ON PAKISTAN'S
ACCESSION TO IT AGREEMENT OF WTO-ITA-I**

- i. In view of the digital Pakistan policy, prospects of e-commerce growth and significance of increasing Pakistan's exports in ICT sector by identifying existing and future potential benefits of ITA-I accession
- ii. Details of existing manufacturing units of the products covered under ITA-I
- iii. To analyze, in detail, the impact of ITA-I accession on Pakistan's local industries of products covered under ITA-I:-
 - a. Specifically analyze impact on existing industries of products covered by ITA-I.
 - b. Specifically analyze impact on potential industries of products covered by ITA-I.
- iv. To conduct analyses of revenue foregone from ITA-I accession.
- v. To analyze overall impact of ITA-I accession on the software industry in Pakistan.
- vi. To analyze the opportunities that may be offered by ITA-I for integration into global value chains of products covered under ITA-I and any allied services.
- vii. To comparatively analyze potential gains/loss of jobs as a result of ITA-I accession.
- viii. To explore in detail any enhancement in potential investment from ITA-I accession
- ix. To estimate impact on economic productivity, production capacity and technological capabilities.
- x. To estimate the efficiency gains in national economy due to ITA-I accession.

- xi. To investigate coverage of ITA-I covered products in various PTAs/FTAs signed by Pakistan and what benefit has accrued from ITA-I.
- xii. To explore the implication of ITA-I accession for growth of e-Commerce in Pakistan.
- xiii. To investigate the international experiences of countries of ITA-I accession in terms of impact on local industry, jobs and economy such as India, Philippines, Egypt, Malaysia and Vietnam.
- xiv. The point of view of the local manufacturers of ITA equipment, especially those dealing in local manufacturing/assembling of dual general use items like LCDs, Telephones sets etc to be considered through in collaboration with Ministry of Industries and Production apart from exploration of options to develop semi-conductor and such other allied industries in Pakistan on the pattern of other countries to reap the true benefits of ITA accession.
- xv. To make recommendation on the potential advantages and disadvantages of accession to ITA-I.
