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C I R C U L A R

Subject:-CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES AT WTO – SOME CHALLENGES.

The Ambassador/ Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the WTO Mission at Geneva vide letter No. 3/5/2016/Admin/Amb dated 12 August, 2016 (copy enclosed) has highlighted the capacity building opportunities at WTO and pointed out some challenges for the deliberation of Foreign Training Committee in the Ministry of Commerce.

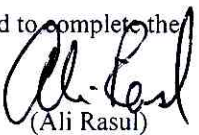
2. The Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation(ITTC) is mandated for capacity building training on competitive basis, participants from more than 80 countries contest and best of the best are finally selected on the basis of available documents. Nominees from Pakistan lack the following :-

- a) Majority of our nomination are not entertained by the (ITTC) at short listing stage for want of formalities.
- b) Nomination forms are not received on time.
- c) Deficiencies are found in nomination forms in one way or another.
- d) Most nominees are not qualified, e-learning courses, which are a pre-requisite/ mandatory for most of the capacity building programs of the ITTC, have often not been undergone.
- e) Nominees forward only bio data instead of professional CV that is required for most of the trainings.

3. The Ambassador has proposed that it may be mandatory for all the officers serving in the MoC to complete the e-learning courses which are available at www.ecampus.wto.org and are free of cost. As a minimum, the following courses should be completed by all the officers:-

- i) Introduction to WTO
- ii) Agriculture in WTO
- iii) Regional Trade Agreements and WTO
- iv) Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.
- v) The WTO dispute settlement.

4. All the officers of Ministry of Commerce as well as in its attached organizations are requested to complete the above e-learning courses.


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Forwarded to:-

- i. All JSs/DGs/ Chief Development Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
- ii. The Director General, Pakistan Institute of Trade & Development Islamabad.
- iii. The Director General (TO) Directorate General of Trade Organization (DGTO), Islamabad.
- iv. The Director General, Trade Dispute Resolution Organization, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
- v. The Director General, (HR) Trade Development Authority, Karachi.
- Vi. Data Network Administrator with the request to upload the attached circular on the web site of Ministry.