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PRESS CONFERENCE

Dear Journalist Friends,

Thank you very much for your presence here to cover this important press conference regarding PMDC Ordinance 2019.

Pakistan Medical Association feels perplexed and disappointed to learn about the promulgation of the Presidential Ordinance regarding the PMDC by a person who himself belongs to medical profession. According to this ordinance there will be 17 member council **NOMINATED** by either Prime Minister of Pakistan or Provincial Governments, CPSP and Armed Forces.

PMA being the largest stake holder and the only representative organization of the doctors, outrightly rejects this ordinance and believes that it will be a big disaster for PMDC itself, medical education and health care of the county. The one and the big question regarding the ordinance remains to be answered, is that it is in total violation of PMDC Ordinance 1962 in which the composition of the council will be some nominations and rest of the members **ELECTED** by the doctors of the country, so that it could be a representative regulatory body. (Section 3, PMDC Ordinance 1962).

Undemocratic maneuvers from a democratically elected government are not expected.

PMA has always stressed upon to make PMDC an autonomous, independent, transparent, democratic and vibrant body to look after the related issues in a democratic and transparent way. We think that the proposed nominated 17 member body will be a continuation of the mess which we are witnessed for decades. In those days PMDC was run by either illegal occupants of the offices or a mafia supported by the big wigs of the country.

Now it is the time to learn from the history and stop meddling with in this regulatory body and save our future generations from total destruction as far as medical education is concerned.

PMA will put all its acts together to stop this useless ordinance to be passed by the both houses of the parliament at every level.

PMA also request to the civil society and the saner elements to come forward and raise their voice against this illegal, unconstitutional and destructive ordinance to be enforced in near future.

PMA proposes to the present day government to refrain from implementing this controversial ordinance. PMA wants an immediate elections as per constitution of PMDC and elected body should manage the affairs of PMDC as independent, transparent, democratic and vibrant body.

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