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Hanrik Ibsens Gate 51,
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Subject: NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CANDIDACY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JUDICIAL
INDEPENDENCE.

May I take this opportunity first of all to offer my compliments to the Nobel Committee for its dedicated and onerous task of according recognition to those who make seminal contributions in various fields of human endeavor for the advancement of Knowledge in all disciplines, for promotion of Peace, for protection of Liberty and Human Rights and in defense of Rule of Law and Democracy.

2. I trust the Nobel Committee these days would be engaged in the exercise of Nobel Prize Awards for the year 2013. I take the liberty to nominate the International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace for the conferral of Nobel Peace Prize for the year 2013 for the project of judicial independence in recognition of the great contribution made by it to the pursuit of judicial independence which is essential for liberty, democracy, human rights and world peace. I have been associated with this Association for the last couple of years. I recall in 2007 when the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry was made dysfunctional and he filed a constitutional petition in the Supreme Court of Pakistan before a Bench of which I was also a member. During the hearing of that case, on certain points relevant books/articles were not available in the market as those were out of print. I



requested Professor Shimon Shetreet (the President of the Association) on email to be of assistance and he got the relevant material photocopied and sent to me through courier within 48 hours of my request. The petition of the Hon'ble Chief Justice was allowed and he was reinstated. However, after a couple of months, General Musharraf imposed a state of emergency in the country, suspended the Constitution, sacked the Chief Justice again and asked other Judges of superior courts to take a fresh oath of loyalty to him and those who did not take the fresh oath were laid off their robes. I was one of those who did not take fresh oath. This sparked off a nationwide movement for the restoration of Judges and judicial independence which culminated in the restoration of the democracy, the resignation of General Musharraf, reinstatement of the Chief Justice and other Judges (including myself). The assistance rendered by an important functionary of the International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace during that period had its contribution as it generated a feeling of fraternity and strengthened the resolve of all those dedicated to the cause of judicial independence.

3. The Association and its members have introduced innovative concepts of judicial independence clarifying significant components essential for liberty, democracy and human rights. This was done over a long period of over thirty years through major international conferences involving major important international organizations, and the drafting of international standards and declarations. The concepts developed during this process include, the independence of the individual judge (both substantive and personal), the institutional or collective independence of the judiciary as a whole, the internal

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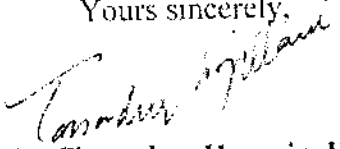
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principle of fair reflection of society in the judiciary or judicial diversity, proper considerations for judicial selection, and finally, the demarcation of lines between the judiciary and other branches of government. This Project by the Association has advanced world democracy, liberty, freedom and peace through its promotion of an independent judiciary.

4. Before parting, I may in all humility reiterate and affirm that an independent judiciary is a fundamental condition to the existence of democracy, liberty, freedom and peace. Without a judiciary able to resolve disputes free of external influences and biases, there can be no rule of law or due process. In turn, without the rule of law or due process, there can be no democracy, liberty, freedom or peace. Peace simply cannot exist in a society that makes no provisions for dispute resolution bodies free from undue influences.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,


(Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani)