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PAJCCI's new team will further facilitate the vision of regional peace and economic prosperity: Zubair Motiwala

(KARACHI) As per the notification issued by PAJCCI in context of its elections for the year 2017-18, Junaid Esmail Makda would be the President of the Chamber. He is one of the founding members of the Chamber and has been instrumental in running the operations successfully since the inception. Daroo Khan Achakzai and Faiz Muhammad Faizi have been chosen as Senior Vice President and Vice President respectively.

Chairman PAJCCI, Zubair Motiwala welcomed the new team and showed confidence that under such seasoned management, PAJCCI will be better equipped and attain further successes. He iterated that the Chamber has been successful in managing certain lacunas; however, there is a long way to go to make the mark impressively. He mentioned that tariff disparity is incentivizing parallel trade, hence it is important for PAJCCI to advocate appropriate tariff rationalization along with strengthening confidence building measures.

The new managing committee comprises of Zubair Motiwala, Junaid Makda, Daroo Khan Achakzai, Zia-ul-Haq Sarhadi, Faiz Muhammad, Haji Abdul Qayyum Kakar, Talat Mahmood, Qazi Zahid Hussain, Niaz Muhammad, Imtiaz Ahmad, Jawed Akhtar Bhatti, Haris Agar, Azra Jamshed and Huma Waheed.

The retiring members included Jawaid Bilwani, Haji Jamaluddin, Moin Malik, Dureshawar Nisar, Nylla Parveen Junejo, Khalid Shahzad and Shahid Ismail.

The newly elected President, Junaid Makda, thanked the executive body for the vote of confidence and ensured that under visionary leadership of Zubair Motiwala (Chairman, Pakistan Chapter) and Khan Jan Alokozai (Co-Chairman, Afghan Chapter) along with due support from executive committee members of both chapters, the Chamber will ensure further efforts in alleviating mutual issues of businesses across the border. He added that futuristic perspective of

PAJCCI is to enhance regional trade ties and capacity building of business entities to tap the emerging opportunities.

Additionally Zubair Motiwala strongly urged both the governments to segregate business and trade ties from political and military tensions, though, establish strong security measures that are vital for stabilization and sustainability of both the countries without compromising upon the sentiments of the business community across the border. He emphasized that both the governments should take immediate steps to enhance confidence building measures and keeping current confidence level and business stagnance in view, place the economic agenda as a top priority item in all the strategic meetings. Further, involvement of joint chamber, that represents sentiments and issues from across the border, would significantly help not only in improving the business graph but would also re-establish the confidence building measures.