



## **RULING OF THE CHAIR**

### **ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

Adjournment Motion No. 3(123)/2016-M. Notice of which was given by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, and is fixed on the Orders of the Day of 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, for consideration of admissibility of the said motion.

2. I have perused the said Adjournment Motion and heard the learned Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, on the question of admissibility of the said Motion.

3. After due consideration, I am of the view that the said Motion meets the criteria of an Adjournment Motion as prescribed under Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

4. While coming to this conclusion, I am conscious of the fact that this pertains to a statement made by the President of a foreign country and, by practice of the secretariat such and other related incidents and statement have been covered by paragraph (f) of Rules 87, of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012. The instant Adjournment Motion can be differentiated from the said practice, in as much as, it pertains to and deals with a statement related to and dealing with the internal affairs and matters of national security and future of the state of Pakistan. It is not a statement or action which essentially deals with or pertains to the internal affairs of the other state.

5. Therefore, the instant Adjournment Motion is admitted for a two hours discussion on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 as the last item on the Orders of the Day.

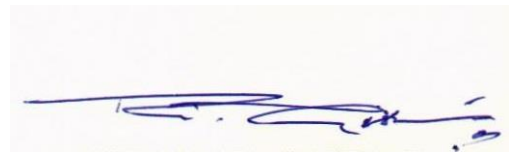
6. Before parting with this ruling, it has been brought to my notice by the Senate Secretariat, that a controversy exists in the Federal Government as to whether the instant

Adjournment Motion is the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or of the Ministry of Defence. The Rules of Business, 1973 (as amended up to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015) issued by the Cabinet Secretariat, Islamabad, provides under sub-rule 3, of Rule 3, for the “Distribution of Business amongst the Divisions,” which is elaborated in Schedule II. I have perused Sl. No. 7 of the said Schedule, which deals with “Defence Division”. There appears to be no entry under the said heading which covers the contents of the instant Adjournment Motion.

7. On the other hand, Sl. No. 13, of Schedule II of the said Rules, deals with “Foreign Affairs Division”, under the said heading Sl. No. 1, deals with, “Relations and dealing with other countries” this entry read with entry 6 under the same heading of the said Schedule namely, “Foreign and Extra Territorial Jurisdiction.” Clearly lay down that, the subject matter of the instant Adjournment Motion falls within purview of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

8. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs being the core Ministry under the Rules of Business, 1973, may if it so desires or requires collect information from other related Ministries including the Ministry of Defence and, appear before the Senate on the date stated hereinabove with the position of the Federal Government.

9. The Secretariat is directed to immediately send a copy of this Ruling to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Cabinet Division.



**MIAN RAZA RABBANI**  
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**Chairman Senate**

**Senate Sitting dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**  
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