

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Islamabad, December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020; 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee on Climate Change has been held today under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Munaza Hassan, MNA.

2. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Then, the Committee decided to proceed with the agenda. The Committee unanimously confirms the minutes of its previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. Hon. Minister and Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change apologizes on the misconduct of their Additional Secretary, Mr. Joudat Ayaz in previous meeting. Thus, the Committee directed that Mr. Joudat Ayaz, Additional Secretary personally came in next meeting and give his written apologize to the Committee, then, the Committee will decide to forgive him or not. The Committee also takes the issue of cleanliness in Sector G-5, Islamabad.

3. Then, the briefing on Petroleum is started by the Mr. Nadeem Babar, Special Assistant to the Hon. Prime Minister on Petroleum. He briefed the Committee about the conversion of Petroleum products in detail. The Committee appreciated the given briefing by the SAPM. Mr. Nadeem Babar told the Committee that from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2020 our imported petrol fuel had been converted in Euro-V, however, the Diesel will be started conversion from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 to Euro-V. We are importing 72% of Petrol and approximately 35% to 40% Diesel. The remaining fuel we are getting from our local refineries. We have also directed our local refineries to upgrade their production to Euro-V but they require some time and INSHA-ALLAH they will be able to meet these requirements very soon. He further told that the smoke level in Lahore is now in better condition than the last year. Furthermore, he told the Committee that presently we are transporting Diesel through pipeline from Karachi to Sheikhpura which is under up-gradation to duel pipeline. The present pipeline is under construction for up-gradation which will be able to transport diesel and petrol from Karachi to Sheikhpura within next 60 days. In this way our carriage through Trucks from one city to other will be stopped and it will be affected on the good environment. The Committee directed that OGRA may be established the teams which randomly check the petroleum products of the country at petrol pumps; whether they are providing Euro-V or not. SAPM also briefed the Committee that within next 5 years two wheelers and 3 wheelers vehicles would be converted to electric technology it will be also affected on favorable environments.

4. The OGRA briefing was deferred till its next meeting due to paucity of time. The Committee also directed the Ministry to take serious notice on EPA given replies regarding Paris agreement. The Committee also decided that in next meeting to take the issue of un-usual deaths of animals in various zoo's of the country.

5. The Hon. MNAs/Members Dr. Haider Ali Khan, Mr. Khial Zaman, Ms. Andleeb Abbas, Ms. Naureen Farooq Ibrahim Khan, Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani, Ms. Rubina Irfan, Ms. Tahira Aurangzab, Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi, Ms. Romina Khursheed Alam, Ms. Shahida Rehmani, Mr. Afreen Khan, Mr. Nadeem Babar, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Petroleum and Minister of State for Climate Change besides the Senior Officers from the Ministry with their staff attended the meeting.