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Islamabad, February 11th 2021; 20th meeting of the <u>Standing Committee on Climate Change</u> has been held today under the <u>Chairpersonship of Ms. Munaza Hassan</u>, MNA.

- 2. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Then, the Committee decided to proceed with the agenda. The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on 21st January, 2021.
- Then, the Committee took up the agenda of previous recommendations/direction and asked OGRA about the status of its previous recommendations. The representative from OGRA briefed the Committee that 32 petrol pumps of the country along with Highways and Motorways have been checked their fuel quality but as per analysis their fuel found accurate. Thus, the Committee disagreed with the statement of the representative. The Committee directed OGRA to share the report of these 32 petrol pumps with the Committee. Further, the Committee directed OGRA to ensure the display of complaint number against substandard fuel quality at every petrol pump along with fuel quality of MMT. The Committee further directed Ministry of Finance to provide the detail of imported MMT during the last two or three months. Thereafter, the representative from CDA apprised the Committee about their related compliance of recommendations/directions. The Committee did not satisfied with the briefing of the representative from CDA and directed him to call Chairman, CDA to attend the next meeting in person and brief the Committee about the compliance status of given recommendations/directions. Further, the Chairman, CDA may apprise the Committee about the demarcation of proposed National Park at Margalla Hills, Islamabad.
- 4. Thereafter, the Committee discussed Electric Vehicle production mechanism and directed that the solar companies of Pakistan may be taken on board in this regard so that, the damage batteries of the electric vehicle could be utilize with solar energy system. Then, the representative of the Ministry of Climate Change briefed the Committee about the PSDP program for the financial year of 2021-22. After thorough discussion the Committee unanimously approved the proposals of PSDP program for the financial year 2021-22. The Committee also directed the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to give subsidy on L.P.G at Hilly areas of the province, so that, the precious wood could be stopped from cutting. The Committee also directed Special Secretary, Forest Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to stop wood cutting at hilly areas of the province as per rule provision. Further, the Committee directed Government of K.P.K that the stone crushing Committee be bound to get environment department on board before taking any decision.
- 5. The Hon. MNAs/Members Dr. Haider Ali Khan, Rai Muhammad Murtaza Iqbal, Ms. Andleeb Abbas, Dr. Seemi Bokhari, Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani, Ms. Tahira Aurangzab, Ms. Shaista Pervaiz, Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi, Ms. Romina Khursheed Alam, Syed Mustafa Mahmud, Mr. Zulfiqar Bachani, Ms. Shahida Rehmani and Minister of State for Climate Change besides the Senior Officers from the Ministry with their staff attended the meeting.

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