

# Institute for Policy Reforms

## Press Release

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### Change in IPR Officials

This is to announce change in leadership at the Institute for Policy Reforms. Dr. Hafiz A. Pasha Managing Director and CEO Institute for Policy Reforms resigned from office on 4 February 2016. The IPR Board has accepted his resignation today, 8 March 2016. The reason cited by Dr. Pasha is a possible and potential lack of independence in IPR in the future because of government pressure. IPR wishes to reassure everyone that it has never caused any member of the Board or Advisers to change their view or editorial content in any IPR document in any way. In fact, Dr. Pasha has been at the forefront of this effort. IPR does not plan to do so in future either. IPR does not consider itself under pressure from the government.

IPR Board has accepted his resignation today reluctantly and respecting his wishes. For now, Mr. Humayun Akhtar Khan will serve as Chairman and CEO IPR. We wish to reassure all that IPR will always retain academic rigour and not compromise its independence. We wish to convey this assurance to all those who are associated with IPR, write for the Institute, and who read our research. We take this opportunity to recognize the very high contribution of Dr. Pasha for IPR. The Institute will miss his presence.