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Subject: **COMPLETION OF LEGISLATIVE PROCESS OF RECOGNITION OF ENFORCEMENT (ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS AND FOREIGN AWARDS) ORDINANCE, 2006 (ORDINANCE NO.XLII OF 2006).**

Dear Mr Akram Sultan,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 7th April, 2008 addressed to the Prime Minister and subsequent interaction on the subject and to say that :-

- (a) the subject Ordinance, on introduction in the National Assembly was converted into Bill as per relevant provisions of the Constitution and remained under process till dissolution of the National Assembly on 15-11-2007;
- (b) being pending business, the Bill lapsed on the dissolution of the National Assembly as per rules;
- (c) however, the Ordinance had since been re-promulgated on 03-10-2007, it became a valid Law with the proclamation of Emergency on 03-11-2007 and could now be amended, altered or repealed only by the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament).

2. The issue, with the above observations, stands settled.

Yours sincerely,
Nargis Sethi

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