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The **Value Added Textile Export Sector** is backbone and engine of the economy with great potential for earning foreign exchange, earned US \$12 billion = 51% of Nation's exports during FY 2017-18 & generating huge employment

We fully disagree with today's announcement of increase of gas tariff across the board & appeal in the larger interest of the exports of Pakistan to segregate the tariff for textile sector and revise the tariff in line with Bangladesh

Value Added Textile Export Sector also appeals to the Government to implement the following steps in the larger interests of the Nation's exports and economy and for the positive growth of Exports:

- **Pragmatic policies** in consultation with genuine stakeholders needs **to be formulated to reduce the cost of doing business** by fixing rates of all essential raw material – inputs – gas, electricity, water etc. lower than competing countries to create a level playing field as competing countries are providing other subsidies to their textile export industry.
- **Introduce separate head for Textile Sector in Utility Tariff Structure** – Gas, Electricity & Water like fertilizer & cement industry.
- **Release of all pending Sales Tax Refund; Custom Rebates, Incremental DLTL, DLTL, DDT Claims** as huge amount of liquidity of the exporters is held up.
- The Government has announced **Duty Drawback of Taxes Order 2018-21 under PM Incentive Package** but unfortunately rates were reduced to half as compared to last year. **Rates should be increased to the same level as in the Order 2017-18.**
- **Suspend 0.25% EDF Surcharge** deducted from Exporters' Remittances for 5 years.
- EOBi and Social Security has been paid by the export industry for past many decades. **Federal Government should announce a Policy that for the coming 5 years the EOBi and Social Security will be paid by the Government.**
- **Exporters fall under final tax regime u/s 143(b) and pay 1% tax. This 1% should be reduced to 0.5% as in the last budget Corporate tax rates were reduced.**
- **75% of the cost of all certifications and foreign lab testing through international recognized institutions should be reimbursed to the exporters by the government as past practice.**

If deserving support given by the Government of Pakistan

Value Added Textile Export Sector pledges to enhance its exports to the tune of US \$20 billion and US \$35 billion in the next few years which means a surplus trade of Pakistan, more foreign exchange & additional employment

VALUE ADDED TEXTILE ASSOCIATIONS

1. Pakistan Apparel Forum
2. Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association
3. Pakistan Knitwear and Sweater Exporters Association
4. Pakistan Readymade Garment Manufacturers & Exporters Association
5. Pakistan Cotton Fashion Apparels Manufacturers & Exporters Association
6. Pakistan Denim Manufacturers & Exporters Association
7. Council of All Pakistan Textile Associations
8. Towel Manufacturers Association
9. Pakistan Cloth Merchants' Association
10. All Pakistan Textile Processing Mills Association
11. All Pakistan Bedsheets & Upholstery Manufacturers Association