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To:

Mr. David Morgan,
President,
International Cricket Council
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Dubai, UAE.

Dear Mr. Morgan,

Sub: Bat the ball of Terror and Ban Pakistan from International Cricket.

NCCL, an NGO, is in the forefront of India's collective efforts to ensure civic liberty, public safety, right to quality livelihood and communal harmony. The NCCL's prime objective is to fight evils that deter the peace and progress of the society, in all forms by all means. Our constituents have urged us to alert you of the potential of veiled assaults of Pakistan on India and the world through the medium of Cricket and I take this opportunity to engage your attention and alarm you.

You may be aware that the Prime Minister Of India has given a dossier of evidences to a number of nations recently, proving the state sponsorship of terrorism in Pakistan and called it the "epicenter of terrorism." The recent Mumbai attack by 10 Pakistani gunmen in November 2008 bears this out. Undoubtedly it has shook the conscience of the civilized world.

Pakistan has become a rogue state offering safe haven to terror recruiters and handlers. I feel a good way to focus world attention on Pakistan would be to ban Pakistan from international cricket.

International cricket has its fair share of opprobrium. It has been accused of money laundering and worse, cricketers helping the underworld betting syndicate by under performing in matches. Underworld and terrorism are both financed today by the same source of illegal funds and these funds are influencing cricket. The domain of international cricket in the recent times has seen some unbecoming incidents. These have all been very well recorded and reported but not fully mitigated.

You may wonder if sport needs to be brought into ambit of politics. After the unwarranted Russian invasion of Afghanistan, Moscow Olympics was boycotted by many countries. In the past decade, Cuban sportsmen were sent to different countries for spying purposes under the disguise of national sports delegations, invoking the ban on Cuban sportsmen. In view of the hostile nature of Zimbabwe, Britain has already pioneered and obtained all party consensus to the call for a pan-European ban of Zimbabwe sportsmen.



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Today the cancer is far more serious. Pakistan cricket is tainted by the stigma of terrorism and since cricket is a popular game in that country ICC needs to act for the common good. Let me explain why?

- 1) Mr. Javed Miandad has been appointed as the Director General of Pakistan Cricket Board. It is common knowledge that Miandad is closely linked to Dawood Ibrahim, the world's most notorious criminal and a terrorist, with his son getting married to Dawood's daughter. Even the US State Department has termed Dawood as "specially designated global terrorist" for his links with Al Qaeda.
- 2) Mr. Munir Hafiz a retired Lt. General in the Pakistan army is on the Governing Board of Pakistan Cricket, signifying that the ethos of the Army can be impregnated into the functioning of Pakistan Cricket. With the backing of army and its intelligence agencies, this can underline the necessary conspiratorial tactics at times when the Pakistan army wishes to use the cricketing mechanism to further its ulterior motives.
- 3) Transcripts of mobile phone conversations of the Mumbai terror attack on November 26, 2008 has shown that terrorists handlers from Pakistan directing the perpetrators not to harm Pakistani cricketers present at the Taj Hotel!

You will agree that the terrorism has received quasi religious sanction as can be seen from Pakistan making terrorism an official state policy. Today a thin line dividing underworld and terrorists has been obliterated without a whimper.

Please be alarmed, alerted and forewarned about this. The world knows that Pakistan today is the hotbed of terrorism and the lawlessness of its tribal lords, fueled by the irresponsible State activism has brought out the right combination of potential terror.

The ICC should stand fully alerted of this situation and proceed with banning or suspending Pakistan from the world of cricket, till the State sponsored terrorism is put to an end from the Pakistani soil. This is in the interest of the world security, safety and peace. If an untoward incident involving cricket and Pakistan happen, ICC will have to own up the full responsibility for not acting upon this important alert.

The peace loving, sports loving and cricket loving citizens of the world await your timely action. Please bat the ball of terror. Ban Pakistan from international cricket.

With warm Regards,

Yours faithfully,
For **National Council for Civil Liberties**

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PRESIDENT