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To.
Ms. Lucy Benjamin,
International Cricket Council,
Dubai-UAE

Dear Ms Benjamin,

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

Many thanks for your prompt reply dated 18th January 09 on behalf of Mr David Morgan, President ICC in which you said "**cricket faces many challenges, not the least the fact that it is played in what are currently volatile parts of the world. On that basis it would be easy or convenient in the face of that volatility to simply ignore our members and not play cricket in those places,**".

It seems that ICC does agree that criminality has crept into a gentleman's game though ICC prefers to gloss it over by an euphemism "currently volatile parts of the world."

Is it fair to call Pakistan a "volatile part" which in turn suggests that frequent terror outbreaks originating from Pakistani soil are no more than a mere one-time issues? Pakistan is wedded to the principles of *jihad* which does *not* subsume norms of decent international behaviour in its credo. Please make no mistake on that. The thin line dividing official authority in Pakistan and terror networks are now obliterated. Pakistani terrorism is all about camouflaging largescale destruction through the art of denials, subterfuges, sophistry, subtle threats and counter-threats. Even when world has seen a barrage of evidence on Pakistan's complicity in Mumbai outrage that country's brazen denials has been breathtaking! I hope ICC is not too myopic to see the writing on the wall.

If ICC's remit is simply to promote the game does it help the game when we ignore the faultlines of the abettors of terror spread all over Pakistan? I hope you agree that there is no violence so brazen, so horrifying and so demeaning and destructive that the civilized world confronts today then that of **terrorism**.

When you seek normal cricketing ties with a country that has shown no compunction or remorse in giving free rein to merchants of terror what then would stop the Pakistani Establishment to turn the terror tap off?

I wish to point out that even the **new Obama administration has cautioned Pakistan that it would be held accountable by its performance in the fight against terrorism and the US financial aid would depend on the way Pakistan deals to end its support to terror.**

As I said Pakistan cricket is a misnomer when Dawood has his say by proxy. Let us not rue the day when we faltered at the altar of gentlemanly behaviour concerned as we were with the game of cricket.

Finally, let the world understand that 9/11 was only a prelude for the Jihadis. Mumbai carnage was only a small icing on the cake of 9/11 and unless the deviant rogues who espouse a particular *nihilistic* philosophy realize that the Free World, which encompasses organizations such as yours, will brook no such depredations. Or else catastrophes are bound to occur and in that case I can only hope that the world never lives to see a jihadi armageddon all because we happened to be too nice about everything.

We once again request you on behalf of Peace Loving, Sports Loving and Cricket Loving citizens of the world to ban Pakistan from International cricket in the interest of cricket and world peace.

Kind Regards

Yours truly,

For, National Council Civil Liberties,

V.K.Saxena

President



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