Subject: **Fake Emails forwarded to Ministries/Divisions from E-mail ID of JS(COORD)**

Recently a cyber incident of sending fake WhatsApp messages and then emails containing malicious attachments **"Notice 3rd meeting EC SIFC.rar"** and **"Apex_agenda.rar"** from fake appointments of the PMO and SIFC Cell, PM Secretariat to various ministries has been reported. Investigations pertaining to said incident is underway at NTISB/N-CERT. In the light of initial findings, following important information is shared with all the ministries for immediate attention:

a. Following phone numbers have been used by individuals claiming to be valid appointments of SIFC Cell the PM Secretariat for propagation of messages initially and then insisting the receiver to download file in their computers through WhatsApp web or emails:

(1) 03554231407 - Mr. Javed (Deputy Director, SIFC, PM Secretariat)

(2) 03417413656 - Mr. Shahzad Ahmad (Assistant Director, PMO, SIFC cell)

(3) 03470300269 - "

b. Any WhatsApp messages or emails from above mentioned credentials or email ID: shahzadahmad@outlook.com may be ignored and blocked.

c. Any mail containing reference to the SIFC Apex Committee or any other committee meetings and containing a password protected **.rar file** as attachment may be opened vigilantly or after approval/vetting from the sender or relevant department.

d. Any **.rar file** even without password containing a **.chm file** and an **.exe file** or application file shall not be opened without the approval of NITB staff.

e. Antivirus must be installed on all systems being used for opening of emails. As an alternate, Apple MAC may be used or PC may be

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installed with an appropriate user-friendly version of GUI based linux.

f. All the Ministries which opened email of 3rd August 2023 from **JS COORD <presssecretary@pmo.gov.pk>** must also block the IP address: **151.236.30.248** for out bound communication in their firewall.

2. Detail report/recommendations will be shared with the concerned after completion of activity.

3. Forwarded for compliance by all concerned at priority.