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Appeal against rejection of Norwegian Visa reference no 2009 124564 05 - 001

Dear Ms Fure,

I would like to refer to your letter dated 16 Sep 2009 your reference no 2009 124564 05 - 001

The abovementioned letter addressed to myself, is rejection of tourist visa request on behalf of my wife Soobia Imran Kazmi who requested the same to visit Bergen with us, as a family, i.e. herself, myself and our 7 year old daughter, Suha Imran Kazmi as per details that you can refer from your letter reference give above.

It is indeed your country's right to allow or deny a visa to any visitor; however the language, inferences and allegations in your letter are WRONG & far removed from reality in our case, step-by-step:

- Page 1, Para 3&4 of your letter refer to Article 5/15 of Schengen agreement to "conclude" that we do not have the "means" to support our stay in Norway. To my knowledge my wife, who works for the Government of Dubai, submitted her bank statement, her salary is appx USD 7,000 (not counting my consulting income which is on an average USD 5,000 a month) - Our visit was for duration of 10 days roughly and our budget was appx USD 6-7,000 – less than a MONTH'S salary whose bank statements and letters were given to you. You could have asked for my bank statements if you conjectured that my wife's Government job and USD 7,000 was not "enough" to finance our stay!!!
- 2 Page 1, Para 5 of your letter mentions that you don't give visa to certain nationalities where experience has been bad, in exceptional cases, we were NOT informed that at the time of application! This is willful misrepresentation of intent on your part and tarnishes the reputation of your country such as in this particular case
- 3 Page 2, Para 1, risk factors addressed page 117, proposition 46 of Odelsting (1986-87)
 - a. Point 1 refers to my "nationality" I consider this direct discrimination, not all five fingers are equal, I am quite sure nor are all Norwegians! If I had a bad

experience with a Norwegian why should I blame another? This statement is tantamount to this conclusion from your end.

- b. Point 2 refers to our "circumstances" of journey, my wife is a government of Dubai employee with USD 7,000 salary, I am a freelance management consultant with an average USD 5,000 per month income, (last year I was employed at USD 7,000 per month), my daughter goes to the British School in Dubai, one of the most expensive here, her fee alone is USD 1,000, our house rent is appx USD 2,000 per month. DO THESE circumstances entail that we will "run away" with our ticket money as an "investment" once in Norway? Leaving behind my wife's job, my child's education and my however running business? Were your people reading our application and documents with no logical comparison or inferences???
- c. Point 3 (the applicant has no employment) the principal applicant was my wife for the very reason that I am a freelance businessman and hence without her presence and support could not have afforded this trip alone.
- d. Point 4 (applicant is in 3rd country where he no longer has right to reside / prospects) I HAVE the right to reside in UAE, I submitted Psiloc letter, the company who's visa I am still on, as a freelancer, as for "employment" I am working, did you ask me for proofs? NO! So how can you decide? I am as an independent consultant making GOOD money, last 3 months I've made appx USD 22,000!!! I consult the Government of Libya as a subcontractor through their principal consultant, Catalyst Managerial Group (www.catalyst-mg.com) hence this point is not valid either. Also from Government of Dubai perspective I am STILL on Psiloc employment, I could have LIED, I was honest 100% with you, and you punished me UNFAIRLY for my honesty, read on...
- 4 Page 2, Para 2 and 3, I do agree that due to the poor socio-economic and legal prospects in Pakistan many are and have left the country, however I am based in Dubai and as such cannot be judged as a resident Pakistani! Since conditions in Dubai are BETTER than EUROPE right now in the middle of recession
- 5 Page 2, Para 4, (applicant has expressed an intention to emigrate) <u>HERE</u> you are MISUSING my HONESTY and TWISTING it in a completely different sense! I honestly informed the Consulate here that as a FAMILY we are emigrating to CANADA, through a CONSULTANT, the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA has given us a file number and HOPEFULY by 2010 we will emigrate legally as per their process, <u>WE ARE NOT</u> <u>SOME POOR PAKISTANIS SHIPPED IN CONTAINERS TO EUROPE VIA TURKEY! STOP</u> <u>JUDGING ME LIKE THIS!!! I WAS NOT VISITING YOU TO GET A JOB OR ABSCOND,</u> <u>SIMPLY SPEND OUR VACATIONS IN PEACE AND TRANQUILITY!</u>

In the end, allow me to mention WHO I AM so you really know who you're talking to here:

- 1 I am a world peace activist, I have done a LOT to spread MODERATE ISLAM which curbs extremism, I have also on Facebook my group ONE WORLD ONE RELIGION where I am propagating harmony with ALL religions and even Atheists. I am widely respected amongst Jews, Christians, Hindus and Muslims besides Atheists for my rational views, please see www.ahappyworld.info my caliber is of a person that the Government of Norway can USE to lecture Muslims and Christians in Norway for InterFaith Harmony specially with your STATED problems of mostly illiterate labor who shall soon create SIMILAR problems for your country that they have done in Birmingham and Manchester in the UK. As a PEACE ACTIVIST I made friends with a Norwegian Citizen Shakila Jabeen (shakila.jabeen@odont.uio.no) at Art of Living sessions, she was WILLING to sponsor me, BUT the cumbersome process of getting a police certificate and all that she explained to me led me to not bother her and apply directly, you can verify this from her, if you please
- 2 I am an innovative management consultant, see <u>www.synergize.org</u> with "WELCOME" in 50 languages or <u>www.crscube.com</u> where I am the INVENTOR of a model beyond the world famous BALANCED SCORE CARD invented by Nolan Nortan and Robert Kaplan, Government of Norway can benefit from my thoughts, ideas and products therein
- 3 I am a telecom professional par excellence, I spoke on "Managing traffic through Satellites" at MECOM 2009, (see details and summary on <u>http://imranokazmi.wordpress.com</u>) – again I have a lot of experience in telecoms under my belt, Telenor has had good friends from Tore Johnsen to others in Norway right now. I am attaching Ola Karsmo's mail (based in Oslo) for those who can probably reflect and think, then take "run of the mill" decisions, also I've started my telecoms firm <u>www.networthglobal.info</u> who's base is HERE! Think, please THINK before you reach embarrassing conclusions!
- 4 I have done a LOT for the Government of Pakistan and even UAE, and recognized for it, I stopped smuggling of cell phones in Pakistan in 2001 with the support of Gen Pervez Musharaff (then President) and CBR, the Government of Pakistan was able to get more than USD 1 BILLION in taxes thanks to my effort, ex Chairman CBR (Central Board of Revenue) Mr Riaz Naqvi treated me like a SON for my SELFLESS efforts

In short, you haven't rejected me, you have rejected a peace activist, unique global personality who was ONLY going to ENJOY your country with his wife and daughter, to Bergen, on the train, the Northern Lights, hiking, driving and all for 10 days ... IF YOU HAD THE FORESIGHT YOU WOULD HAVE USED THAT MAN TO HELP YOUR GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESSES EVEN, you never knew him, you never TRIED to know him! You just rejected him on the basis of his passport and that he has no "permanent job." I was hurt more than anything else by your decision. You do not treat friends and well wishers like you have treated me. I can help you free of cost as a consultant for a day or two on my trip on the topics above. Whether it is

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extremism, increasing your exports or harmonizing immigrants, I can speak or guide your Government on these topics as a gesture of goodwill, IF ONLY you knew me!!!

I am not a millionaire, but I never wanted money or emigration in Norway, my focus for that purpose is Canada, where I want to make it big, close to my son in Los Angeles (who lives with my ex wife there). I was ONLY trying to visit your country as a tourist, you really didn't understand me AT ALL. Atleast NOW try to do that!!! And if RATIONALITY AND COMMON SENSE PREVAIL then indeed someday I'd LOVE to visit Norway with my wife and child but not if it is later than October 10, 2009, as it will be TOO COLD for me, MAYBE next summer unless you decide to let us go now? But I wouldn't want to end our discussion on a bad note. And I will take this matter up to the highest Norwegian authorities, just to ensure that may be 1 out of 1000 people like me who apply for a tourist visa to Norway are not mistreated and insulted like I have been.

Will myself, my family and friends remember Norway and Norwegians as good or bad people, your choice really!!!

Sincerely.

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