

## **12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FORUM OF PAKISTAN OMBUDSMAN (FPO)**

12th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Forum of Pakistan Ombudsman (FPO) was held on 10th March, 2014 Islamabad under the Chairmanship of the Hon'able Mr. Abdur Rauf Chaudhry, President, Forum of Pakistan Ombudsman.

Taking up the subject of Conference on Networking of the Ombudsman of OIC Member States, the Board was briefed that in pursuance of the resolution of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of OIC Member States the aforesaid Conference was scheduled to be held on 28-29 April, 2014 in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The said activity was got included in the OIC activity-list for April 2014. All the Ombudsmen, so far identified, had been invited through email, providing hard copies to the respective ambassador of Pakistan with the d.o. letter requesting that the invitation might be delivered to the Ombudsman, further pursuing them to ensure their participation in the Conference. OIC Secretariat was also requested to circulate the invitations among its members requesting for their participation. The Ambassadors of Pakistan were also approached to identify the Ombudsman and like institutions in countries of their accreditation where availability of such institution was not confirmed. The Board was further informed that Serena Hotel Islamabad was selected as venue of the Conference keeping in view comparative cost, available facilities and security matters. President of Pakistan and Speaker of National Assembly were agreed to be the Chief Guests for inaugural and concluding sessions respectively. The Board was generally of the view that during the Conference the emphasis should be made on the Institution of Ombudsman and its working globally. The security issue was also discussed and the Board was informed that the agencies concerned were taken on board through Ministry of Interior to ensure all necessary arrangements for the security of the delegates and venues of the activities.