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German Ambassador terms BISP as an Effective Social Protection Programme; GIZ to extend support to BISP for Waseela-e-Sehet and Waseela-e-Rozgar initiatives;

Transparency, Technology and Impartiality behind Success of BISP: Madame Farzana Raja
Islamabad: Ambassador of Germany to Pakistan Mr. Cyrill Nunn has said that Benazir Income support Programme (BISP) is playing valuable role in poverty eradication and its efforts in this regard must be applauded. German Government through GIZ has provided technical assistance in designing Waseela-e-Sehet initiative of BISP while this support will further be extended to vocational and technical training under Waseela-e-Rozgar in near future. He said this while talking to Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP Madame Farzana Raja in BISP Secretariat today.

The visiting Ambassador said that due to transparency and objectivity of BISP operations, it has gained international support and acknowledgment. Mr. Cyrill Nunn



Islamabad: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja talking to German Ambassador Mr. Cyril Nunn in a meeting held here at BISP Secretariat. (Dated: Sep 12, 2012)

also emphasized upon the need for enhanced mutual cooperation between Pakistan and Germany in the social sector.

Madame Farzana Raja on the occasion briefed the Ambassador about various pro-poor initiatives carried out by BISP and said that the programme has given recognition and caused socio-economic empowerment to millions of Pakistani women. Chairperson BISP said that transparency, technology based systems and apolitical nature of the programme are the primary factors behind the success of BISP which has been acknowledged world over. Madame Farzana Raja apprised German Ambassador about various graduation strategies of the programme which are aimed at providing sustainable livelihood opportunities to people from lower strata of society so that they can become self reliant.

Madame Farzana Raja appreciated the support of GIZ for BISP and informed Mr. Cyrill Nunn that BISP has developed Data Sharing Protocols for sharing qualitative household data collected through the Nationwide Poverty Census. This digitized data can be shared with the German Government for potentially fruitful social sector projects to be launched in Pakistan, she added.