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1. The guiding principle for the conduct of Ministers is embodied in the Oath of Office that pledges them to bear true faith and allegiance to Pakistan, to discharge their duties honestly and faithfully in accordance with the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the law, and in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well being and prosperity of Pakistan, to strive to preserve the Islamic Ideology which is the basis for the creation of Pakistan, and not to allow personal interest to influence their official decisions. A copy of the Oath is attached to these rules.

2. Ministers are expected to act as a team in carrying out the task of Government, and in accordance with the principle of collective responsibility. Each Minister should, therefore, respect all policy decisions of Government even if he personally disagrees with any particular decision, and should refrain from expressing views contrary to, or inconsistent with, such a decision. He has the option to resign, but in no case, should he try to clear himself of the responsibility for the decision by disassociating himself from it while he continues to be a Minister.

3. In the performance of their duties and functions, the over-riding consideration of the Ministers should be the overall interest of the country, and not of a particular region, or of a particular section of the people.

4. Unless it is necessary to do so in defence of a Government decision, a Minister should confine his public statements to matters relating to the Portfolio under his own charge. Particular care must be taken in respect of statements bearing on foreign affairs or relations with other States.

5. Care must also be taken by a Minister when making a public statement relating to a proposal, a scheme, or a policy, that might be under Government consideration, and on which a final decision is in doubt. Special care is required in respect of statements regarding duties or taxes, and nothing should be said to give the slightest cause for speculation regarding these.