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**\*PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR HAS VAST POTENTIAL TO INCREASE COUNTRY EXPORT VOLUME: SPAM SHAHZAD ARBAB**

Islamabad:11th March 2021; While chairing 9th meeting of the Executive committee of the Pakistan Afghanistan Parliamentary Friendship Group, Special Assistant to Prime Minister Mr. Shahzad Arbab said that pharmaceutical sector in the country has lot of potential to increase export volume of the country. He said that making Drug Regulatory Authority Pakistan (DRAP) recognized at international level would enhance Pakistani export in pharmaceutical sector especially with its neighboring country like Afghanistan. He also instructed the Ministry of Interior to make E-Rahdari at Chaman Border functional to ease the pedestrian movement across the border. Deploring the lowest ranking of Pakistan on ease of doing business ranking, the committee recommended to take all out measures to make Pakistan an attractive place for investors.

While reviewing the progress of the recommendations, the committee observed that provincial coordination is of vital importance to make Pakistan business friendly.

Mr. Sadiq Khan Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Afghanistan remarked that making Pakistan a land of investor friendly need out of box solutions. While taking brief on the issue of live stock trade with Afghanistan MNA Ms. Shandana Gulzar remarked that IMF terms and conditions need to be taken in consideration to open trade in livestock with Afghanistan. She also mentioned that assessment and research-based data is compulsory to assess the logic behind the ban on live stock export to the Afghanistan.

MNA Mr. Yaqoob Sheikh remarked that cross stuffing would facilitate the traders especially at Karachi port.

The meeting was attended by MNAs Ms. Sajida Zulfiqar, Mr. Yaqoob Sheikh, Mr. Mohsin Dawar, Ms. Nafessa Khattak, Ms. Shandana Gulzar and Senior Officers from Ministry of Interior, National Logistic Cell, State Bank of Pakistan, NADRA, Commerce, Balochistan and KPK Government.