

RESOLUTION

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“The National Assembly of Pakistan unanimously rejects the unacceptable targeting of Pakistan by US President Donald Trump in his statement on 21st August, 2017 on Afghanistan and South Asia.

The National Assembly also rejects claims of General Nicholson, NATO Commander in Afghanistan regarding existence of Taliban shuras in Quetta and Peshawar.

Given India’s known support to terrorism and its destabilizing policies in the region, this House condemns attempts by the Trump Administration to provide more space to India in Afghanistan and considers it a move highly detrimental to regional stability, and complete failure to understand existing ground realities and emerging challenges in the region. It also condemns Indian state inflicted repression on the people of Occupied Jammu & Kashmir and reiterates Pakistan’s continued diplomatic, political and moral support for their struggle for self-determination.

This House:

- rejects the US claim of giving Pakistan billions of dollars in aid. In fact Pakistan’s economy has suffered a loss of more than 123 billion dollars.
- denounces the complete disregard and lack of respect for Pakistan’s immense sacrifices in countering terrorism. The fact that more than 70 thousand Pakistanis have been victims of terrorism, a menace brought to the region four decades ago, has been totally ignored.

The National Assembly acknowledges the sacrifices of the security forces in their counter-terrorism operations and expresses full support for the counter terrorism operations being conducted by the armed forces of Pakistan along with the Rangers and Law Enforcement Agencies.

This House reiterates that as a responsible nuclear weapon state, Pakistan has in place a robust and credible command and control system which has been universally recognized.

The National Assembly regards President Trump’s and General Nicholson’s statements on Pakistan as hostile and threatening, and calls on the Government of Pakistan to:

- express the determination of people of Pakistan to protect Pakistan’s sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- consider the postponement of any visits by US delegations to Pakistan or by Pakistani delegations/officials to the USA;
- consider suspension of cooperation with the US, particularly the provision of Ground/Air Lines of Communication (GLOCs/ALOCs) through Pakistan;
- draw up and inform the US and the Afghan government of a blueprint for the return of all Afghan refugees in a dignified but specified time frame;
- formulate economic policies to deal with any situation arising out of the absence of US assistance;

- commence a diplomatic initiative, particularly with friendly countries in the region, to inform the international community of Pakistan's counter terrorism strategy and successes and the repercussions on the region of the failed US-Afghan policy; and
- reiterate Pakistan's determination to strengthen border control measures on the international border with Afghanistan and demand cooperation and similar action from Afghanistan and ISF.

The National Assembly expresses its serious concern over the increasing concentration of ISIS and other terrorist networks in the Afghan provinces bordering Pakistan and demands that:

- Afghanistan, the US and its allies should close their borders to leaders of terrorists/militant groups carrying out acts of terrorism against Pakistan;
- The Afghan government should close all safe havens being provided to the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, Jamaat-ul-Ahrar and other terrorist organizations, from where terror attacks are conducted against Pakistan;
- The US, NATO and the Afghan government should ensure that India is denied the use of Afghan territory to conduct terrorist attacks against Pakistan.

This House reiterates its commitment to constructively engage with the US on the full spectrum of bilateral relations based upon the principle of reciprocity and mutual respect.

This House also reiterates Pakistan's desire for lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan and urges the Government to continue its efforts to strengthen its relations with Afghanistan and support international efforts for peace and reconciliation."

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