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I believe that the 28th Session on the Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) provided an excellent opportunity for Pakistan to present the journey of the country through the turbulent years of terrorism, and its comprehensive “whole of the nation approach” as a successful response to threats posed by terrorism. To me, CCPCJ is a unique platform for cross fertilization of ideas and collaboration by the member states on many critical issues ranging from cyber-crime to criminal justice reform, extremism and terrorism. The decisions adopted by the body are far sighted and would contribute towards global peace and stability.

This year, CCPCJ’s side event remained equally significant especially in the context of showcasing the progress and achievement made by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in devising effective and assistive strategies for the facilitation of terrorism affected individuals, through victim rehabilitation program. Apart from this, with active support of UNODC, the capacity building of our Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) is being continuously improved through unremitting trainings designed and implemented by the support of the European Union and the Government of Japan which is further strengthening Pakistan’s counter-terrorism mechanisms.

The Ministry of Interior of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) are grateful to the support extended by UNODC Country Office-Pakistan in this event; and we look forward to collaborating in the future for achieving common goals under UN SDG 16 “Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions”, and SDG 17 “Partnership for Common Goals”.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the whole delegation from Pakistan and to all the staff members from Terrorism Prevention Branch; and acknowledge the financial support extended by European Union without whom this endeavor would not have been possible. The UNODC’s efforts and commitment will continue with same passion and devotion for lasting achievements.

MESSAGE FROM
Ms. Humaira Mufti
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Interior

I would like to thank all the participants of 28th session of the CCPCJ for their contributions towards achievement of 2030 agenda for sustainable development. Presence of over 1500 participants from across 120 states was a true representation of multilateralism and the power of shared objectives. As a significant platform for collaboration of States on subject matter of criminal justice, this year’s CCPCJ session was successful in highlighting the achievements of Pakistan in devising strategies to augment capacity building of agencies of law. Pakistan’s progress towards strategizing victim rehabilitation program is a true example of the commitment and collaborative efforts of all stakeholders towards a progressive and sustainable country.

MESSAGE FROM
Mr. Danilo Campisi
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The 28th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)

The 28th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) took place from 21 to 24 May 2019 in Vienna, Austria, in which over 1500 delegates from over 120 Member States participated, and more than 100 side events took place, over the course of the week.

As the main policymaking body of the United Nations addressing crime prevention and criminal justice issues, the CCPCJ plays a critical role in advancing collective efforts against national and transnational crime while strengthening fair and effective criminal justice institutions.

The United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Country Office Pakistan facilitated the participation of a high-level delegation from the Government of Pakistan under the framework of the Pakistan’s Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT) Project which was headed by Ms. Humaira Mufti, Joint Secretary Ministry of Interior and assisted by representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mr. Kamran Taj, Director Counter-Terrorism); the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Mr. Mubarak Zeb, DG Coordination); and Home & Tribal Affairs Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Mr. Ikramullah Khan, Home Secretary). From UNODC, Mr. Syed Arslan; Senior Programme Officer, and Mr. Arsalan Malik; Associate Programme Coordinator, were accompanying the delegation from Pakistan. The Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN in Vienna organized a side event during the week of CCPCJ to present Pakistan’s experience to the Member States of the UN in supporting victims of terrorism. The visiting delegation also held bilateral meetings with the Permanent Missions of the European Union and Japan to the UN in Vienna; and met with the Chiefs of Section of the Terrorism Prevention Branch and the Regional Section, and the Director of Operations, at UNODC HQ Vienna.

During the events, the Member States adopted resolutions addressing the prevention and countering of child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse online; cybercrime and terrorism; tackling transnational organized crime, including trafficking of wildlife and commercial goods; and enhancing the security of the precious metals supply chain, among other challenges. The resolutions also addressed integrating sports into youth, crime prevention and criminal justice strategies and enhancing transparency in the judicial process. The team from Pakistan’s Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT) Project also held an exhibition on all the days of CCPCJ where its achievements in the form of success stories and other published collateral were displayed.

At the closing session, Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director, UNODC commended the session in the following words, “Your efforts to advance joint crime prevention and criminal justice responses to shared challenges, thus contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, are an inspiring example of multilateralism at work.”
Supporting Victims of Terrorism: Experience of Pakistan

A side event was organized on 21 May 2019, on the topic ‘Supporting Victims of Terrorism – Experience of Pakistan’ and the session inaugurated by H E Amir Saeed, Chargé d’Affaires, Permanent Mission of Pakistan. Following the opening address by Ms. Humaira Mufti, JS Ministry of Interior and Mr. Masood Karimipour, Chief TPB, UNODC shared their remarks with the audience. Keeping the significance of the subject in mind, Mr. Danilo Campisi, Officer-in-Charge, UNODC Country Office Pakistan stressed the importance of supporting the victims of terrorism, and the ways in which this has proven to be effective. Subsequently, Brig. Adeel Minhas and Ms. Feriha Peracha gave a presentation on behalf of the Government of Pakistan on supporting victims of terrorism, focusing on the facts and realities. The event concluded with a ‘question and answer’ session moderated by Ms. Mufti, and was deemed valuable in terms of information-sharing by the expert panel.

Meeting with Chief of Section Mr. Masood Karimipour, Terrorism Prevention Branch, UNODC

The delegation of members from Government of Pakistan and UNODC Pakistan attended a meeting with Mr. Masood Karimipour, Chief of Section, Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB), on 20 May, 2019. The agenda of this engagement revolved around briefing the chief of TPB on PACT’s implementation and appreciating the support of staff members of TPB in organizing Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) related workshops in Pakistan. The effective interaction between UNODC and GoP in areas relating to terrorism prevention under PACT were also highlighted. The visiting delegation also recognized the prompt support that TPB delivered to Pakistan’s LEAs and criminal justice agencies on Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT), between time period of January and March 2019. During this period, 8 workshops were organized resulting in training of over 200 investigators and prosecutors on modern methods and approaches relating to TF investigations, under the Japanese funded programme. Additionally, the delegation highlighted the progress towards a long-term comprehensive programme regarding which final in-house consultations were ongoing at the Ministry of Interior. The project activities structured along the five strategic areas of intervention: Rule of Law – capacity building of law enforcement, prosecution and judiciary; victim protection and support; youth and community engagement through strategic communication; Countering Financing of Terrorism; and Promoting International Cooperation, were also highlighted by Pakistani delegation. Mr. Karimipour acknowledged the efforts of the UNODC Country Office Pakistan in facilitating the participation of representatives from Pakistan in the 28th session of the CCPCJ and appraised the achievements made under the PACT project.
On 22 May 2019, the delegation from Pakistan to CCPCJ held a meeting with the Permanent Mission of Japan. The aim of this meeting was to brief the Mission on successful implementation of the Pilot CFT Project titled “Strengthening Pakistan’s Response to Countering the Financing of Terrorism”, which is funded by Japan and jointly implemented by NACTA, MoFA, and UNODC Pakistan. Several pertinent points were discussed during this interactive meeting, wherein the delegation extended its appreciation to the Government of Japan for its financial support to Pakistan. In this meeting, the contribution of the pilot project in building the capacity of LEAs and prosecutors in dealing with TF cases, was highlighted. Moreover, a post assessment report conducted, showcased the activities completed during the project cycle, leading to a 22% knowledge increase in officials trained. These activities included the following: 9 workshops for LEAs, prosecutors and judges; development of operational equipment (including video conference facilities) across provincial and federal offices for increased information sharing and cooperation; and establishment of a public-private partnership forum to promote greater coordination. The Project’s publication material, including a newsletter and a brochure on countering the financing of terrorism (CFT); and promoting international cooperation. The delegation also extended special thanks for the support being delivered by UNODC to the GoP.

Meeting with Permanent Mission of Japan

The delegation consisting of members from Government of Pakistan and United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime also met Ms. Miwa Kato, Director Operations and Mr. Alexandre Schmidt, Chief Regional Section, on 22 May 2019. The purpose of this meeting was to brief the Operations Division and the Regional Section on PACT’s implementation. The close working relationship between the stakeholders in preventing terrorism under the PACT project was highlighted, and the headquarters was briefed on the recent project activities in KP, including the development of a Case Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) for the Prosecution Department, Witness Protection Policy Guidelines’ development, and the training of over 1000 officials on the developed manuals. Additionally, updates on the expansion of PACT to Sindh under an agreement with the Project Steering Committee were shared. To conclude, the delegation shared the progress report on development of a long-term comprehensive programme between GoP and UNODC which is based on the five strategic areas of intervention: Rule of Law – capacity building of law enforcement, prosecution and judiciary; victim protection and support; youth and community engagement through strategic communication; countering the financing of terrorism (CFT); and promoting international cooperation. The delegation also extended special thanks for the support being delivered by UNODC to the GoP.
Meeting with Permanent Mission of the European Union

The delegation from Pakistan also held a meeting with the Permanent Mission of the EU on 23 May, 2019, with the objective of briefing the Mission on PACT’s progress and for appreciating the financial support extended for implementing the project in Pakistan. The considerable number of achievements under PACT in KP were highlighted, including: CMMS development for the Prosecution Department; the investigators and prosecutors trained on CT related modules; Witness Protection Policy Guidelines’ development, International Cooperation promoted between Pakistan’s Law Enforcement Agencies and INTERPOL; and support delivered to Pakistan in organizing regional and international conferences. Moreover, members from the EU Mission were invited to visit the exhibition stall at CCPCJ venue showcasing publications produced under the PACT project which showcased the progress made over the duration of the project implementation as well as the developed knowledge distribution tools. The meeting concluded with an assurance of Pakistan’s continued commitment to cooperate with its international partners in combatting terrorism.