

**Statement delivered by Ms. Cristina von Sperling Afridi, Founder and Director, Karim Khan Afridi Welfare Foundation, on the occasion of the Fourth Intersessional Meeting of the 59<sup>th</sup> Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

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Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am Cristina von Sperling Afridi from Karim Khan Afridi Welfare Foundation in Pakistan.

On the outcome of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on drug issue, Our Foundation has been implementing our five pillars which are Drug Awareness, Environment, Sports, Culture & Arts and Civic Sense.

With that we have been working closely with educational institutions as well with the government. With this triangle, we believe that we will definitely succeed as we starting to succeed since we were the first one to talk about the drug issue in Pakistan as you know drug is a taboo all over the world especially according to different cultures, here it is even more. Closely with the government and the with the consultation with UNODC in Pakistan, we have been accomplished so far many engagements that we believe with the youth direct as you know Pakistan has a population of 120 million of youth below the age of 25 and within this represents 63% of the population. And within this 63%, 35% are below the age of 15. So therefore, we have immense project and to how we are going to engage them.

In our Foundation, we believe that 'Sports is the Answer' therefore we are in process of implementing that sports should be compulsory in the education system and for our surprise actually it is in the Constitution and we are now making sure that we are pursuing this Article 12 (Sports Policy) of the Constitution to be followed by the educational institutions.

Our quest is to help teachers to understand, the parents to understand the issue that we are facing today, and we hope that we will achieve our goals as we are working for it and our motive is 'Stay Clean'.

Thank you for your attention.