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The Government of Pakistan acknowledges the close collaboration and technical support provided by UNODC Country Office Pakistan.

To briefly highlight the vision of the Government of Pakistan: we consider Pakistan as the first line of

defence in the international effort against drug trafficking emanating from the region to the rest of the world. We have been a poppy-free nation since 2001 and we have a strong commitment to reduce trafficking through Pakistan, as it is currently the main transit country of illicit drugs. We have taken a comprehensive approach with a proactive stance by addressing the issue of drug trafficking through formulating the National Anti-Narcotics Policy 2010 and developing the Drug Control Master Plan 2010–2015.

These policies provide guiding principles to fight the menace by effectively and efficiently utilizing the available national and international resources. At the same time, Pakistan maintains resolve in addressing the challenge through an all-out effort by improving international cooperation with the affected countries.

We understand that the Pakistani law enforcement agencies have to cope with the activities of well-resourced criminal syndicates engaged in narcotics and precursors trafficking as well as other related transnational organized crime in the region. Other than their respective law enforcement mandate, these law enforcement agencies have a varying degree of capacity to maintain internal security operations, thus bearing a grave challenge. Though it is an uphill task, nevertheless, I am fairly positive that, InshaAllah, we shall soon be able to meet the envisaged results through the support and close collaborative work of our national and international partners such as UNODC and the regional countries.

For the four-year term (2016–2019), Pakistan is a member of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, a leading policy-making and operational body of the United Nations overseeing the application of

international drug control treaties.

The Pakistani delegation at the sixty-first session in Vienna was headed by me and accompanied by Maj Gen Mussarrat Nawaz Malik Director General Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) along with four other high-level officers from ANF, MNC and MOFA to showcase Pakistan's achievements and to table the resolution on "strengthening efforts to prevent drug abuse in educational settings" at the Commission. The initiative was acknowledged as it underlined stronger policy interventions and comprehensive drug prevention programmes to make educational institutions safe environments for the children and youth. I would very proudly state that the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) has unanimously adopted Pakistan's resolution on "strengthening efforts to prevent drug abuse in educational settings".

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Cesar Guedes and his team for their whole-hearted cooperation and technical support rendered to the Government of Pakistan in order to effectively combat drug trafficking and related transnational organized crime in the region.

SQN. LDR. (R) Iqbal Mehmood, PSP (QPM)
Secretary, Ministry of Narcotics Control



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Anti Narcotics Force is grateful to UNODC for its endeavours to enhance the capacity of Law Enforcement Agencies of Pakistan and especially working in close collaboration with Anti Narcotics Force. Due to Pakistan's geographical location, the country is pivotal to curtailing the flow of illicit drugs produced in

and trafficked from Afghanistan. Pakistan's resolve and operational expertise in effectively combating drug trafficking and related transnational organized crime has received a global commendation. In 2017, Anti Narcotics Force and other Pakistani law enforcement agencies seized 412 tons of illicit narcotics and precursor chemicals worth US\$5.15 billion, thus making a remarkable contribution to global counter-narcotics efforts.

We thankfully acknowledge UNODC COPAK's technical expertise and support, such as enhancing the operational capacity and interagency cooperation of law enforcement agencies in Pakistan, promoting regional cooperation with the neighbouring countries Iran and Afghanistan under the Triangular Initiative, and representation of senior officials at important international forums to express our firm commitment and resolve to fulfil our regional and international obligations.

Major General Musarrat Nawaz Malik, HI(M)
DG Anti Narcotics Force

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I would like to express my appreciation to the Government of Pakistan and especially to the Ministry of Narcotics Control for their commitment in addressing the world drug problem in close collaboration with UNODC.

It is a known fact that no country alone can address the complex issue of drugs until there is a


commitment for cooperation among the international community and other responsible stakeholders under the principle of shared responsibility.

The United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the world drug problem, an important milestone in achieving the goals set in the policy document of 2009 "Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem", defined action to be taken by Member States as well as goals to be achieved by 2019.

The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) unanimously adopted Pakistan's resolution on "strengthening efforts to prevent drug abuse in educational settings" at the sixty-first session held in Vienna. To make educational institutions safe and drug-free learning environments and to protect young students, the resolution underscored the need for targeted policy interventions and more comprehensive drug prevention programmes.

I would like to congratulate Pakistan for its commitment in curbing the menace of drugs and making Pakistan a drug free country.

Mr. Cesar Guedes
Representative
UNODC Country Office in Pakistan



Side Event - Regional Solutions to Global Challenges of Illicit Narcotics Trafficking

Vienna, 12 March 2018

This year a high-level Pakistan delegation with a new leadership in Ministry of Narcotics Control (MNC) and Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) attended the 61st Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. The delegation was headed by Mr. Iqbal Mehmood, Secretary MNC, accompanied by Major General Musarrat Nawaz Malik, HI(M), Director General ANF, along with other senior members from MNC and ANF. A special event “Regional Solutions to Global Challenges of Illicit Narcotics Trafficking” was hosted by the Government of Pakistan.

Mr. Iqbal Mehmood chaired the side event and welcomed the guests. He thanked the participants and stated, “This event is an important opportunity for the international community to learn more about the challenges Pakistan is facing in illicit narcotics trafficking along with many other issues and how successful Pakistan's response to this global problem is. We thank UNODC for its contribution to supporting Pakistan in achieving high standards in the counter-narcotics efforts.”

Mr. Cesar Guedes, Representative UNODC Country Office Pakistan, said, “UNODC and Pakistan have a very long and collaborative partnership spanning over four decades. UNODC has always been in the forefront in supporting Pakistan and its hardworking law enforcement agencies in discharging their responsibilities with knowledge and equipment.”

UNODC COPAK has a unique relationship with the Government of Pakistan and its law enforcement agencies and has been providing it with technical support and enhancing its capacity not only in the interdiction of illicit narcotics and precursor trafficking but other transnational organized crimes as well, including illicit human trafficking and migrant smuggling, rule of law, prison reforms and drug demand reduction.

Joint Director ANF presented an overview of Pakistan's successful response to the global problem of illicit narcotics trafficking highlighting the following themes:

- Colossal production of illicit opiates in Pakistan's neighbourhood with a recent rise of 87% is a huge threat to the region
- Pakistan is the front-line State in the war against drugs
- Approximately 40% of the drugs are trafficked to/through Pakistan
- Severe pressure on law enforcement agencies
- Despite resource and capacity constraints, well-coordinated and strong measures extended
- Initiatives taken by Pakistan are producing huge dividends for the region and the world
- Sustained achievements and CN efforts of Pakistan are appreciated and supported internationally.

Besides highlighting the regional narcotics environment, major dictates factors which are affecting were also discussed. International intelligence led coordinated operations from 2016 to the most recent in 2018 were also highlighted and the assistance which Pakistan provided to international partners during 2017. At the end, a way forward was also given to the audience.

After the Q and A session, Major General Musarrat Nawaz Malik, HI(M), Director General Anti Narcotics Force, concluded the event and thanked the delegates and representatives from various international organizations who attended the special event. He also said that Pakistan is committed to curb the menace of drugs and has a zero-tolerance policy against drug trafficking and narcotics.

Join
SHEHZAD ROY
UNODC Goodwill Ambassador for Pakistan

and
CESAR GUEDES
UNODC Representative in Pakistan

from #CND61 in Vienna

Thursday 15 March 2018 at 14:30 CET

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Side Event - UNGASS Implementation

Vienna, 13 March 2018

At the 61st session of the Commission of Narcotic Drugs (CND), the Government of Pakistan showcased the best practices of UNGASS implementation in Pakistan.

One of the highlights has been a three-day workshop organized in Islamabad in late January/early February this year by the Ministry of Narcotics Control (MNC) in collaboration with UNODC Country Office Pakistan as a follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations of the General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the world drug problem. It was well attended by a wide-range of participants from different ministries, health, home and provincial departments and law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Iqbal Mehmood, Secretary Ministry of Narcotics Control, underlined that the workshop held in Pakistan was among the first ones in the world focusing on the comprehensive implementation of the operational recommendations of the UNGASS outcome document. "Pakistan has played a key role in the preparations for UNGASS, including the negotiation of the UNGASS outcome document, and this is now actively contributing to the implementation of the document at the international level," he said.

ANF gave a comprehensive presentation on UNGASS implementation in Pakistan and provided inputs into the seven thematic chapters of the UNGASS outcome document, which was adopted by the General Assembly at its Special Session on 19 April 2016. Following the recommendations, Pakistan has implemented drug awareness and development programmes, established narcotics control authorities, international cooperation mechanisms, and treatment and rehabilitation centres among the many activities and outcomes. The

Government of Pakistan also presented the steps taken and a roadmap for further implementation of the UNGASS outcome document.

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UNODC Goodwill Ambassador Shehzad Roy, a singer, social worker and humanitarian, informed the audience about his work in Zindagi Trust and how that has made a difference for marginalized children. He said that he became aware of the complex nature of drug abuse when he attended UNGASS workshop in Pakistan and emphasized that he would like to see a paradigm shift and bring drugs treatment under health policy.

A very active question and answer session followed the presentations; international delegates and representatives of civil society discussed drugs-related issues and asked about best practices applied in Pakistan.

Major General Musarrat Nawaz Malik, HI(M), Director General Anti Narcotics Force, summarized in his closing remarks by emphasizing the strong and unwavering resolve of the Government of Pakistan against the trafficking of illicit narcotics into and from Pakistan by adopting robust and dynamic measures, both at the policy and operational level and suggested that providing alternate development programme at the point of origin and production coupled with stringent law enforcement is the only viable option against drug production and trafficking.

Vienna, 15 March

Interview conducted by Esra Sergi

"It's a busy and exciting week at Vienna International Centre. More than 1,500 people are gathered to attend the 61st session of CND," Esra Sergi opened the interview session. Popular Pakistani singer and UNODC Goodwill Ambassador for Pakistan Shehzad Roy and UNODC Country Representative in

socio-political aspects of it. "We all feel music is a powerful tool to spread the word to reach out the youth," he said. "This time through music, with obviously the team of UNODC, we are planning to design a campaign, as I said, to break the communication barrier between children and parents, between teachers and students, so that they can talk about it [drug abuse]." Mr. Roy appreciated UNODC's work and the best practices shared at an international level. He also said that drugs should be "declared as a health issue, not just a criminal law and order issue".

"Drugs should be in top 20 issues when we talk to address the problems in Pakistan", said Shehzad Roy

Pakistan Cesar Guedes joined her at the social media zone.

The interview started with Mr. Guedes who underlined the attendance of Pakistani officials and said, "It's a busy and exciting week, and to add to the excitement I brought a very high-level delegation of Pakistani officials which is headed by the Secretary of Narcotics Control of the Government of Pakistan who is joined by another high-ranking Pakistani official, the Director General of the Anti-Narcotics Force Pakistan, plus another six officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Narcotics Control. So indeed, Pakistan is taking very seriously its role in the fight against illicit drugs and implementation of UNGASS, and also because Pakistan is a vice chair of the Commission on Narcotics Drugs."

Mr. Roy was asked about his role as UNODC Goodwill Ambassador and his focus areas for the next two years. "There is a need for greater awareness in public about the negative consequences of drug abuse. We see a lot of campaigns about drugs with 'say no to drugs' and we all know that it's harmful, but still we see our youth fall prey to drug abuse," he pointed out and continued, "we would like to highlight this issue that drugs should be in top 20. Whenever you go and ask a Pakistani that 'list 20 issues' he will not mention drugs, so [we] would like to design a campaign so that it will come in the list of 20 problems in Pakistan."

UNODC Goodwill Ambassador also talked about music and the

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At



the end, Ms. Sergi thanked Mr. Guedes and Mr. Roy for participating in the conversation and invited Mr. Roy to sing a song for a number of requests received from public, which he accepted.

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VIENNA: The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), during the sixty-first regular session, has unanimously adopted Pakistan's resolution on "strengthening efforts to prevent drug abuse in educational settings".

According to foreign office statement, the resolution was adopted during the sixty-first regular session of the Commission in Vienna, the meeting in this connection was convened from March 12 to 16, 2018.

The Pakistani delegation was



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Secretary for Narcotics Control Iqbal Mehmood and accompanied by Major General Mussarrat Nawaz Malik, HI(M) Director General Anti Narcotics Force (ANF).

On the occasion, Secretary Narcotics Control said that the historic resolution would prove a landmark in the efforts across all the member countries to eliminate drugs from their academic institutions.

Pakistan's initiative to table this resolution was highly appreciated as it underscored the need for enhanced efforts, including policy interventions and comprehensive drug prevention programmes, to protect the students, particularly children and youth from the menace of drugs and to make educational settings free from this abuse.

The resolution drew attention of the Commission to the common challenges of drug use among children and youth in schools, colleges and universities.

The resolution emphasizes the crucial role of educational settings in promoting healthy lifestyles among youth and calls for close coordination among law enforcement agencies, education and health authorities at domestic level.

It reflected the political commitment of the global community to promote international cooperation through exchange of experiences, good practices and technical assistance to address the menace of drug abuse in educational settings.

Pakistan is an elected member, for the four-year term (2016–2019), of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs that is the leading policy-making body within the United Nations system on matters related to drugs.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/294432-un-adopts-paks-resolution-on-strengthening-efforts-to-prevent-drug-abuse>

Pakistan's resolution on 'drug abuse in educational institutions' adopted at UN

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1664152/1-pakistans-resolution-drug-abuse-educational-institutions-adopted-un/>



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