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Colleagues:

Thank you all for your continued participation in the ongoing Pakistan Flood Conference Calls. Attached to this e-mail are the latest flood-related documents.

For Wednesday's conference call at **1000 EDT**, the call in number is (202) 647-0817 and the code is 080708. Please avoid using cell or speaker phones, as it degrades the quality of the call.

If you need any assistance during the call, you can call the State Department Operations Center at (202) 647-1512 or (202) 647-7640.

The agenda for Wednesday's Pakistan Flood Relief Conference Call at **1000 (EDT)** will be sent this evening.

All of these documents are also available on the portal at:

http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:2010_Pakistan_Flooding

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Press Release

Foreign Minister Qureshi in Oman

Yesterday, Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi met Omani Foreign Minister Mr. Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Minister of National Economy and Finance Mr. Ahmed bin Abdalnabi Macki and Minister for Legal Affairs Mr. Mohammed bin Ali bin Naseer Al Alawi.

Foreign Minister Qureshi delivered to his Omani counterpart a letter from the President addressed to His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said. The President had conveyed thanks to the Omani leadership for the generous support extended to the flood affectees in Pakistan.

The two Foreign Ministers discussed bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. They expressed satisfaction over the existing excellent relations between the two countries. During the meeting Foreign Minister Qureshi apprised the Omani Minister of the scale of devastating floods which was unprecedented in the history of Pakistan.

Foreign Minister Qureshi conveyed to the Omani Ministers that the main purpose of his visit was to express thanks to the leadership and the people of Oman for the prompt and generous assistance provided to the flood affectees in Pakistan. Oman has donated US\$ 5.2 Million for the flood affectees and the relief assistance from Oman still continues.

The Foreign Minister of Oman warmly received Foreign Minister Qureshi and expressed his Government's deep sorrow over the devastating floods in

Pakistan. He said that Oman was ready to help his Pakistani brothers in what ever way it could. The other Ministers also expressed similar feelings.

Welcoming the Foreign Minister from Pakistan, the Minister for National Economy said that Pakistan was close to their hearts and they would always be there to help Pakistan. He appreciated the role of expatriate Pakistanis in the development of Oman. He said Pakistani doctors, engineers and other professionals were working in the Omani institutions and have done a lot for the prosperity of his country.

In his meeting the Minister of Legal Affairs who is also on the board of Oman Charitable Organization assured Foreign Minister Qureshi full support to Pakistan in the rehabilitation and reconstruction process in Pakistan.

The Chairman Oman Charitable Organization also met the Foreign Minister. He had recently been to the flood affected areas in Pakistan and his Organization had been extending assistance to the people across the country. He discussed with the Minister the situation on the ground, adding that his organization will continue to help the people of Pakistan.

The Foreign Minister also visited a relief camp established jointly by the Embassy, Pakistan School and Pakistan Social Club Muscat. The Camp is meant to receive assistance in kind from the Omani and expatriate Pakistani community and arrange their dispatch to Pakistan. This camp has so far sent 2.8 tons of relief goods consisting food items, tents, medicines, clothes, blankets etc. At the moment there are 35 tons of relief goods to be dispatched to Pakistan shortly.

Foreign Minister Qureshi also addressed a community gathering. He apprised the community of the latest situation with regard to the devastating floods. He appreciated the contribution made by the Pakistanis in all part of the world for the support of their brethren in Pakistan. The Pakistani community in Muscat alone has donated Rs.10.25 million for the flood affectees.

The Foreign Minister of Pakistan is on a tour to the Gulf countries. He will travel to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait today and meet their leaderships.

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Joint Aviation Coordination Cell Established To Aid Pakistan Flood Relief

Islamabad, August 31, 2010 – A number of Pakistani, U.S. and international organizations, both military and civilian, gathered at Pakistan Air Force Base Chaklala, Rawalpindi, Aug. 28 to form a joint aviation coordination cell (JACC) aimed at streamlining air operations supporting Pakistan's flood relief efforts.

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Nadeem Ahmed, Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority chairman established the JACC and appointed Pakistan Army Aviation Command Commander Maj. Gen. Raja Muhammad Arif Nazir to chair the coordination cell. The first meeting of the JACC brought together representatives from the NDMA, the Pakistan Army and Air Force, U.N. Logistics Cluster, World Food Program, and the U.S.

After torrential rains pounded the country and a surge of water jetted through towns and villages, many were left without food, water, shelter and other basic necessities. The Pakistan Air Force's Central Flood Relief Cell stood up at Pakistan Air Force Base Chaklala to direct relief toward areas most in need, but there was still a communication gap between many of the Pakistani and international relief providers and organizations involved.

The Pakistani-led JACC consolidates everyone's efforts and represents a huge success going forward, said U.S. Air Force Col. Greg Nelson, director of U.S. mobility forces for humanitarian assistance to Pakistan, based out of Chaklala.

Participants discussed available food and supplies, requirements in flooded areas throughout Pakistan and means for transporting the items throughout the country. The meeting also provided an opportunity to facilitate communication between the participating countries and agencies involved in relief efforts and to better accommodate the many donations, air assets and collaborators.

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