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The Council on Pakistan Relations (CPR) is a Washington, DC based pro-America, pro-Pakistan not-for-profit advocacy organization. The Council seeks to build public awareness and grassroots support among Pakistani-Americans and other concerned citizens for American policies that will support the goals of a stable, prosperous, and democratic Pakistan, which is vital to the U.S.A.'s national security interests and lasting peace in the region. It provides a platform for an independent, unified voice with a focused and consistent message by the Pakistani-American community to the current Administration and Congress. CPR is funded and supported by Pakistani-Americans and is not affiliated with any domestic or international governments or parties.

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Council Members and Friends,

As we begin 2011, this report details the Council on Pakistan Relations' activities during the past year and its plans for the year ahead. Having completed our second year of operations, we have accomplished much, while realizing that we have only just begun. First, we want to thank *you* - our members and supporter for making our work possible.

We would not be here without your generosity and ongoing belief in our mission. Over the last two years, we have built a reputation as an organization that is results-oriented. Our work stems from the belief that as Pakistani-Americans, we have an obligation to work toward the betterment of our motherland while maintaining the interests of our adopted homeland.

It is a fact that the relationship between U.S. and Pakistan over the years has been very transactional in nature. Over the past few decades, United States policies toward Pakistan have been characterized as offering "sticks and carrots" as punishment or reward depending not upon the overall interests of Pakistan or even the long term interest of the United States, but on the immediate geopolitical goals of this country. Pakistan has suffered greatly, perhaps more than any other nation, for being an ally to the United States. The ongoing war on terror has been very costly in blood and treasure to the people of Pakistan. Thousands of soldiers have died and thousands have been injured in fighting along the bordering areas with Afghanistan. Meanwhile, thousands of innocent civilians

have lost their lives and many more have been severely injured from relentless suicide bombings throughout the country.

The economic cost measures in tens of billions of dollars from loss of foreign investment due to instability and insecurity in the country. Anti-American sentiment runs rampant in Pakistan, while public views Pakistan unfavorably in this country. We must advocate for policies to change this dynamic. This can be accomplished by assuming an active role in the political process. CPR is a platform to achieve just that.

We believe that the United States must help with Pakistan's genuine security and survival concerns in exchange for doing more. This can be accomplished by strengthening Pakistan's defense capabilities along with fully funding Pakistan's counter-insurgency needs. Pakistan is stretched for resources and must cut its social sector funding to divert resources to the war on terror. It would also be wise for the United States to invest in vigorous diplomatic efforts to deal with long-standing regional issues to accomplish lasting peace. Favorable trade and effective development assistance policies can also be effective tools in winning the hearts and minds of Pakistanis.

The United States must show by tangible and meaningful actions that it is genuinely concerned about the well-being of Pakistanis to win their support, which is vital to U.S.'s national security interests.

Sincerely,
Ashraf Qazi
Chairman

In 2011, the Council will prioritize the following initiatives:

U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATED ISSUES

Trade :

The Council has taken a lead role on trade by collaborating with Congressional offices, think tanks, and other organizations. The ROZ legislation is expected to be reintroduced in the current 112th Congress. We have suggested changes to make it a more meaningful bill and more amenable to both political parties. In addition, the Council will push for a much broader trade agreement to stimulate Pakistan's economy and demonstrate a long-term commitment between the two countries. [Please click here to learn more about the ROZ legislation.](#)

Development Assistance:

The Council is leading discussions with USAID and the Obama Administration to lobby for a high-impact "**signature infrastructure project**," such as a hydroelectric dam, that addresses Pakistan's critical needs in the areas of

energy, agriculture, and potable water. This helps ensure that U.S. dollars are spent most fruitfully. The discussion includes consultation and utilization of expertise and skills of the Pakistani-American Community.

The Pakistani-American Enterprise Fund, introduced on July 29, 2010, addresses the needs of Pakistan's private sector, especially in light of the devastating floods. The Enterprise Fund will work to strengthen Pakistan's private sector by providing financial capital and technical assistance to commercially viable small-and medium-sized businesses. Additionally, it authorizes the President to use funds from the Kerry/Lugar aid bill to support these projects. According to the legislation, the President will appoint a Board of Directors, comprised of four private citizens of the United States and three private citizens of Pakistan, who will leverage their experience and expertise operating in international and emerging markets, to oversee the Fund.

We will work to ensure that **U.S. humanitarian and reconstruction flood assistance** to Pakistan achieves its objectives. The Council, with its extensive network of contacts in Pakistan and the U.S. government, will periodically monitor and report to U.S. policymakers on the allocation of U.S. assistance.

Regional Approach:

We will advocate that the U.S. address Pakistan's genuine resource and security concerns in order to receive Pakistan's full commitment to the war on terror and to reach a successful outcome in Afghanistan. Furthermore, we will promote a regional South Asia-U.S. foreign policy approach. Until Pakistan feels secure along its border with India, it will be difficult for Islamabad to focus its efforts on its western border with Afghanistan, despite the U.S. and international community's desires. By promoting a regional South Asia policy that addresses border disputes and mistrust in many of the bilateral relationships in the region, the international community will have a much better chance of achieving its goals. The Council will work to promote a regional U.S. approach addressing many of the underlying causes of instability in the area.

TPS (Temporary Protected Status):

In September 2010, The Pakistan TPS Committee led by Saleem Rizvi, an attorney from New York, spearheaded this initiative to advocate TPS (temporary protected status) for Pakistanis who are on the verge of deportation, given the recent devastation in Pakistan. CPR played a key role by introducing and setting up meetings for the TPS committee with the Co-chairs of the Congressional Pakistan Caucus and the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the House. The Council will continue to collaborate with the TPS

committee on this important issue to gain bi-partisan support of Congress to grant Pakistan TPS status.

The Council will also continue to:

Build an effective and influential platform for independently-minded Pakistani Americans. The Council will continue to expand its base of grassroots supporters by establishing local chapters in key U.S. states. We will undertake an aggressive on-line campaign to reach new supporters and engage Pakistani Americans interested in participating in the U.S. foreign policy debate over Pakistan. We will also host events in key Pakistani-American communities and build awareness of our objectives and activities. The Council will continue to maintain its independence and non-partisan approach to U.S.-Pakistan relations and advance policy recommendations that are in keeping with U.S. and Pakistani national interests.

Establish strategic alliances with other Pakistani American interest groups to develop a common agenda. In 2011, the Council will work to establish strategic alliances and working relationships with other Pakistani-American groups in Washington, DC and around the country. By developing a common agenda focused on the best interests of the U.S. and Pakistan, the Pakistani-American community will have its voices heard. In response to the unprecedented natural disaster in Pakistan, the Council collaborated on an initiative to bring together four leading Pakistani-American political advocacy groups and established a coalition entitled, "The Coalition of Pakistani-American Organizations," to advocate for greater international disaster relief, recovery, and reconstruction assistance. In addition to the Council, it included PAKPAC, PAL-C, and COPAA.

Reinvigorate Congressional Pakistan caucus. The Council will also work to strengthen and increase the activities of the Pakistani caucus in the U.S. Congress, planning events and gaining support from its members.

Reflecting on 2010

Meetings:

In 2010, we have conveyed our message to many members of Congress and in particular, to those in leadership positions. We have focused on the critical need to pass legislation to ease trade, specifically the Reconstruction Opportunity Zone measure. The Council held discussions with key government officials to address the need to ensure that the \$7.5 million authorized for Pakistan under the Kerry Lugar Act reaches the people of Pakistan and improves America's image there. For that reason, the Council advocated the need to focus on a high impact signature

infrastructure project rather than a collection of small projects that do not register with the masses. Programs in the areas of health and education must be outcome-driven with a focus on key priority areas. The Council has established contacts with key Congressional offices and has ongoing interactions on issues of interest to the community. We intend to build on these relationships and cultivate new ones as we look ahead. Council members have also engaged with the Obama administration, and the State Department, and has held meetings with USAID to promote constructive ideas on improving U.S.-Pakistan relations. In addition, the Council held numerous meetings with leading think tanks to share our perspective with Pakistan experts. Furthermore, we met with U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) to discuss trade related issues and the ROZ legislation.

Youth Initiative:

Last year, the Council sponsored student interns at a week-long leadership conference bringing together minority students from across the country. The conference entailed interactive workshops, mock sessions, and seminars, while networking with policymakers and elected officials. The focus of the program included campaigning, grassroots mobilization, civic engagement, and lobbying skills. The objective of the program was to involve the youth of the Pakistani-American community in the political process, so they return to their communities empowered to lead and engage in the political process.

CPR in the media

The Council has actively engaged the media and has rapidly expanded its on-line grassroots efforts by working with local communities across United States. CPR continues to undertake an aggressive on-line campaign to reach new supporters and engage Pakistani-Americans interested in U.S. policy toward Pakistan. This is accomplished through our state-of-the-art website, on-line campaign management platform, Facebook, and Twitter. The Council has been quoted in numerous key newspapers and media outlets, including *Foreign Policy*, *Politico*, *USA Today*, *Financial Times*, *Christian Science Monitor* and numerous TV channels.

Events 2010

Political

March 2010/VA	Co-hosted an event for Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)
March 2010/MI	Hosted an event for Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN)
May 2010/ MI	Hosted an event for Rep. Mark Schauer (D-MI)
June 2010/ DC	Hosted an event for Rep. Van Hollen (D-MD), at Mr. Bill and Mrs. Nuchhi Currier's home

June 2010/ MN	Hosted an event for Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN) in Minnetonka, MN. Drs. Nausheen Mazhar (MD) and Zaheer Aslam (MD) helped organize the event.
September 2010/MI	Attended Event for Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Rep. Conyers (D-MI), Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS) and Rep. Sandy Levin (D-MI)
September 2010/MI	Attended an event for Rep. Sandy Levin (D-MI) in Southfield MI
September 2010/MI	Participated in an event for Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA)
October 2010/PA	Hosted an event for Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA) Dr. and Mrs Ahmad Mustafa Hassan (MD) and Mirza Hammad Baig helped organize the event
November 2010/MI	Attended an event for Rep. Gary Peters (D-MI)
November 2010/ MI	Hosted an event for Rep. Conyers (D-MI)
Novemeber 2010/MI	Attended an event for Rep. Candace Miller (D-MI)

Grassroots Events:

- March APPNA Regional Event in Saginaw, MI
- May ICNA Convention, Hartford, Connecticut
- June Annual APPNA Convention, Dallas, TX
- July Annual ISNA Event, Chicago, IL
- July OPEN Annual Event, Chicago, IL
- November APPNA Regional Event in Troy, MI
- December lunch and learn about CPR in Washington, DC
- December dinner with CPR local community members in Washington, DC

Speaker events:

- Panel Discussion at Atlantic Council-Pakistan's Internal and External Challenges: Political Myths and Realities with Ashraf Qazi, Christine Fair, and Harlan Ullman – moderated by Shuja Nawaz
- Panel Discussion on Agriculture – U.S. Pakistan Business Council in August 2010

Meetings with Think Tanks 2010

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| • The Center for American Progress | • U.S. Institute of Peace |
| • The Heritage Foundation | • The Council on Foreign Relations |
| • The Brookings Institution | • The International Republican Institute |
| • The Woodrow Wilson Center | • Georgetown University |
| • The Atlantic Council | • The Mid East Institute |
| • New America Foundation | • The Center for Strategic and |

International Studies

Meetings with congressional offices/ Administration

The Council met with more than 50 Congressional offices, including members of Congress and their staff. These included:

- Representative Gary Ackerman (D-NY)
- Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)
- Representative Joe Barton (R-TX)
- Senator Max Baucus (D-MT)
- Chairman Howard Berman (D-CA)
- Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH)
- Representative John Boozman (R-AR)
- Representative Dan Burton (R-IN)
- Representative Eric Cantor (R-VA)
- Representative Russ Carnahan (D-M)
- Senator Thomas Carper (D-DE)
- Senator Bob Casey (D-PA)
- Congresswoman Yvette Clarke (D-NY)
- Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC)
- Representative Mike Conaway (R-TX)
- Chairman Judiciary John Conyers (D-MI)
- Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
- Representative Charlie Dent (R-PA)
- Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT)
- Representative Keith Ellison (D-MN)
- Representative Jeff Fortenberry (D-NE)
- Congresswoman Kay Granger (R-TX)
- Representative Peter Hoekstra (R-MI)
- Representative Mike Honda (D-CA)
- Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA)
- Representative Jesse Jackson Jr.(D-IL)
- Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)
- Senator Ted Kaufman (D-DE)
- Chairman John Kerry (D-MA)
- Representative Peter King (R-NY)
- Representative John Larson (D-CT)
- Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)
- Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)
- Representative Sandy Levin (D-MI)
- Representative Edward Markey (D-MA)
- Senator John McCain (R-AZ)
- Representative Mike McMahon (D-NY)
- Representative Candace Miller (D-MI)
- Representative Gary Peters (D-MI)
- Representative David Price (D-NC)
- Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (R-NV)
- Senator Jim Risch (R-ID)
- Representative Mark Schauer (D-MI)
- Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
- Representative Jeff Sessions (R-TX)
- Chairman Department of Homeland Security Bennie Thompson (D-MS)
- Representative John Tierney (D-MA)
- Senator Tom Udall (D-NM)
- Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
- Representative Robert Wittman (R-VA)
- Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
- House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Judiciary Committee
- Homeland Security Committee
- State Department