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Afghan Peace Accord can pave ways for economic prosperity and regional integration: Zubair Motiwala, Chairman PAJCCI

PAJCCI lauded a landmark deal inked between the U.S. and Taliban for peace and durability in the region. Chairman PAJCCI, established that role of Pakistan in the initiation and finalization of this accord is highly commendable, adding that sacrifices of both Pakistan and Afghanistan have finally led to the avenue for comprehensive and sustainable peace process in Afghanistan.

Motiwala iterated that Afghanistan is a land of untapped opportunities and this reconciliation process would end decades of war and suffering of the Afghan people and would encourage the world to look at Afghanistan as a plausible future investment arena, which would help enhance the economy of the country in particular and would lead to extensive commercial growth in the region.

Khan Jan Alokozai, Co-Chairman PAJCCI, termed this accord as an end to 4 decades of bloodshed and acknowledged the remarkable role played by Pakistan side in materializing this historic deal. Due to this forty years of stagnance, the people of both the countries have suffered tremendously in terms of mental peace and economic prosperity, however, now it is the responsibility of chambers like PAJCCI to engage in constructive momentum by bridging the gap between the economic entities across the border to further enhance bilateral connectivity, social integration and mutually beneficial regime. He reiterated that if this accord brings in peace and political stabilization then both the countries can significantly benefit in the longer run. He confirms that PAJCCI, as a body representing the business community across the border, will engage at all levels to help satiate the vision of peaceful and prosperous region and will strive to emerge as a joint hub of investments and opportunities.

Zubair Motiwala while representing the sentiments of people of Pakistan stated that we look forward to completion of the peace process in Afghanistan in the near future and consider it important that this process includes all the spectrum of the Afghani factions and societal sectors to ensure a prosperous future for the country in specific and region in general. He further confirms that PAJCCI as a joint body and being part of all economic forums across the border will not spare any effort to continue its effective participation in all the international and

regional efforts to achieve comprehensive and sustainable peace in Afghanistan leading towards substantive economic ties between the two countries. He showed confidence in the leadership of H.E. Ashraf Ghani and hoped that the peaceful withdrawal of troops will be ensured leading to flourishing economy and strengthening of connectivity between the two countries. He emphasized that PAJCCI already believed that peace would eventually come in Afghanistan and in line with its vision, Chamber very recently organized an investment conference in Dubai to facilitate diaspora of both Afghanistan and Pakistan to engage in tapping mutual investment and joint venture prospects. The conference was very well received and follow-up initiatives are being planned by chamber to help reiterate the focus as law and order can only be restored and maintained once economic initiatives are in place and the chamber itself assumes the responsibility of extending that support.