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The United States-Pakistan Partnership

The United States and Pakistan share a close, long-term partnership. The \$3 billion, five-year assistance package announced by President Bush in June 2003 demonstrates our commitment to support Pakistan's efforts to strengthen security in the region, help Pakistan's participation in the war on terror, and build economic opportunities for its citizens by reducing poverty, illiteracy and the conditions in which extremism flourishes.

U.S. debt relief and development assistance for Pakistan will enhance private sector growth, economic reform and good governance. The \$200 million of Economic Support Fund assistance to Pakistan this year and \$300 million of Economic Support Funds requested of the Congress for Fiscal Year 2005 target the following areas:

- At least \$100 million of Economic Support Funds for Fiscal Year 2005 will go for social sector support, including university scholarships, new health, education and water projects, and training for local officials, including women councilors.
- \$200 million allocated in Economic Support supplemental funding will be applied to debt relief in Fiscal Year 2004. The United States has led the effort to dramatically reduce Pakistan's official debt through Paris Club rescheduling and bilateral forgiveness. Pakistan's debt to the United States has been cut in half - by \$1.5 billion - freeing up national revenue for programs to improve the quality of life and increase the capacity of Pakistan's local governments to meet the needs of their people.

Other U.S. government assistance will strengthen education; improve maternal and child health care delivery; strengthen the legislature, local government, political parties, civil society and the independent media; and increase access to micro-credit.

At the same time, the \$300 million Foreign Military Financing assistance requested for next year will strengthen Pakistan's ability to confront terrorist remnants seeking sanctuary in its border regions. Other security assistance to Pakistan will help strengthen its law enforcement and counter-narcotics capacities.

Together, the United States and Pakistan are dismantling the A.Q. Khan network responsible for proliferating nuclear weapons-related technologies. We will remain vigilant in the fight against the spread of all weapons of mass destruction. The United States is fully engaged with Pakistan on a range of important nonproliferation issues and is working with Pakistan on steps to bring its export control system in line with international standards.

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