



**Press Release**

***Meeting of the Foreign Minister with UN Secretary-General on the sidelines of the G-77 Ministerial Conference in New York***

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Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held a meeting with the Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, on the margins of the G-77 Ministerial Conference in New York today.

The Foreign Minister conveyed his appreciation to the Secretary-General for his solidarity with and call for massive support to Pakistan in the wake of the devastating floods in the country, and for co-hosting the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan in Geneva on 09 January 2023.

The Foreign Minister sought Secretary-General's continued cooperation to secure the participation of key donors, development institutions and the private sector in the pledging conference and to encourage them to support Pakistan's comprehensive Plan and specific project proposals.

The Secretary-General reaffirmed full support and cooperation of the UN, both for ongoing humanitarian relief work as well as for long-term recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction. The Secretary-General said that the success of the conference and Pakistan's resilient reconstruction was his "top priority".

The Secretary- General also appreciated Foreign Minister's timely initiative to convene special ministerial conference of the G-77 and China to build a unified and comprehensive strategy to overcome immediate challenges facing the developing countries.