

**Statement of the Prime Minister**  
**at Joint Press Stake Out**  
**with NATO Secretary General,**  
**June 4, 2010**

I am delighted to be visiting NATO headquarters and for having had very fruitful discussions with the Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen this morning.

My visit has also provided me with the opportunity to address the North Atlantic Council.

Pakistan and NATO share a common objective of making the regional and global peace possible. The close practical cooperation between NATO and Pakistan which we have been able to foster in recent years is crucial for achieving that cherished goal.

It is a matter of satisfaction for us that NATO and Pakistan are continuing with regular contacts and consultations including at the highest level on all the matters of mutual interest. We also appreciate the initiatives of the NATO's Public Diplomacy Division for enhancing cooperation and for a better understanding of perspectives.

Pakistan is determined to win against the evil forces of extremism and terrorism. Defeat in this war, is not an option for us. Our people and security forces have made tremendous sacrifices, in this war but despite the heavy loss of lives, our resolve to defeat terrorism has not been weakened.

We appreciate the NATO's role in Afghanistan. Pakistan has a deep interest in peace and stability in Afghanistan. The key to stability in Afghanistan requires a genuine Afghan led reconciliation process.

We would like to continue with our cooperation with NATO on every issue of mutual concern, especially the ones relating to war against terror.

Thank you.