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Statement of Pakistan

Excellencies, As-Salam Alaikum,

Pakistan recognises education as a national priority and a vital investment. The Federal and provincial governments of Pakistan have made significant progress since the last GPE replenishment conference. National spending has increased by nearly 3 billion US dollars since the new government came in, and is now at 3.02 per cent of GDP, up from 1.897 per cent in 2012-13.

Pakistan reaffirms its commitment to increase spending year-on-year, so that we reach 4 per cent of GDP by 2020, representing an additional 5 billion US dollars at current rates. The provincial governments intend to maintain a minimum of 20 per cent of provincial government spending on education in the coming years.

Pakistan will improve equity by focusing on out-of-school children, the poorest, girls, and children with disabilities. We will ensure spending is more efficient and effective; to deliver improved learning outcomes for all children, and especially the most marginalised. Improvement of quality will be a continuing effort.

Thank you very much.

Notes:

- Exchange rate used: 1 US$ = PKR 110
- Para 1: National spending has increased by 318 billion PKR since 2013-14. This translates into 2.89 billion US dollars, rounded off to 3 billion US dollars.
- Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, and Economic Survey of Pakistan, 2017.
- Para 1: 3.02 per cent of GDP, up from 2.59 per cent.
- Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, and Economic Survey of Pakistan, 2017.
- Para 2: The increase to 4 per cent of GDP by 2020, represents an additional 554 billion PKR. This translates into 4.92 billion US dollars, assuming 5 per cent GDP growth per annum.