

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Islamabad, the 25th March, 2015. A meeting of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs held today at 11:00 a.m. in Constitutional Room No. 5, 2nd Floor, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, MNA for address of H.E. Dr. Cyrill Jean NUNN, Ambassador, Federal Republic of Germany to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and to give his input on Pak-Germany relations and how to further enhance the cooperation between the Parliaments of brother countries.

2. The Standing Committee extended its deep condolences upon the tragic German aircraft crash in France in which more than 150 people including kids have lost their lives.

3. H.E. Dr. Cyrill Jean NUNN, Ambassador, Federal Republic of Germany apprised the Committee that Pakistan and Germany are young nations and close relations between both countries started in 1951. A telegraphic line was laid by Siemens Company in 1871 in Karachi which is the oldest German company in Pakistan. Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal is a well known personality in Germany. The Government of Germany supports Pakistan for its war against terrorism and appreciates its balanced approach with its neighbours and in the region. European Union Parliament has reservations over the lifting of moratorium on the death penalty in Pakistan. While the Committee responded that Pakistan has different circumstances and EU may understand the ground realities of the region. Germany supports the civil nuclear program. The Committee emphasized on the peaceful resolve to Kashmir issue and the EU countries may differentiate between freedom movement and terrorism. The ambassador also told the Committee that Germany is very keen for the women empowerment in Pakistan.

4. The meeting was attended by Mian Najeebuddin Awaisi, Mr. Muhammad Khan Daha, Ms. Tehmina Daultana, Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Syed Asghar Ali Shah, Mr. Naeema Kishwar Khan and Mr. Mahmud Khan Achakzai, MNAs, besides senior officers from Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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J.S/ Secretary Committee