

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(UN Division)**

**Remarks by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs at the launch of Revised
Flash Appeal in Geneva**

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**Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffith,
Director General WHO Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,
UN Resident Coordinator for Pakistan, Julien Harneis
Excellencies, dear participants**

On behalf of the Government and people of Pakistan, I want to thank the United Nations for its support in organizing this second briefing and the launch of the revised appeal.

We are grateful to Secretary General Guterres for his visit to Pakistan, for his passionate advocacy for support the flood affectees and for his continued push for climate action.

I would like to thank Minister Sherry Rehman for the comprehensive briefing and to Minister Ahsan Iqbal for his remarks.

We deeply value the personal presence and expression of strong support for the appeal by Under Secretary General Griffith and Director General Tedros. Thank you for your solidarity and advocacy.

I am also touched by continuing support and assistance provided by our friends from across the world; from member states, from the UN system, international organizations, international NGOs and everyone engaged in the on-going relief efforts.

We are grateful for the statements of support and solidarity that we have heard today.

Excellencies,

Our appeal today is essentially a call to collective action. What we have and are witnessing in Pakistan is unprecedented. What makes this

climate induced catastrophe most striking is that more than six weeks in its aftermath, we are still grappling with the relief phase.

We have mobilized every possible resource at our disposal to provide relief and rescue. We are grateful for the assistance provided by many of friends and partners. But clearly, the scale of needs exceeds the national resources that we can marshal. Hence the revised appeal.

I would like to pay special tribute to both national and international first responders and humanitarian civil society organizations that have worked tirelessly to provide relief to those in need.

With our characteristic resilience and endurance, and support of the international community, we are determined to overcome this challenge and bounce back stronger.

There is a long road ahead of us. We would continue to count on sustained attention and support of the international community as we transition to the huge task of sustainable rehabilitation and reconstruction.

I thank you all.