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CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Pakistan

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

CPG was set up on 19 April 2012

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

13 MARCH 2014

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

Formal meetings were held on 8th Jan and 5th March 2014.

CPG Meeting on 8th January 2014

2 MSP'S, 28 Non-MSP'S

Guest Speakers

Ahmet Sarhat Sari, GM Scotland Turkish Airlines
Erhan Sezgin, Regional Sales Manager Scotland Turkish Airlines
Deputy Chief Constable Steve Allan, Police Scotland

Presentation by Ahmet Serhat Sari, General Manager, Turkish Airlines, Scotland . Mr Sari spoke and thanked the CPG on Pakistan for all of their support and also thanked the Convenor and Vice Convenor and Secretary to the CPG. Mr Sari stated that Turkish Airlines now flies to Pakistan from Edinburgh via Istanbul and people can travel to Lahore, Islamabad and Karachi from Edinburgh. The airline is also offering haj and umrah flights for the Muslim community from Scotland to fly from Edinburgh via Istanbul. A short video was

played by Turkish Airlines.

Questions were taken by Ahmet Sarhat Sari, GM Turkish Airlines and Erhan Sezgin Regional Sales Manager of Turkish Airlines. Questions raised were from pricing and timing and flight frequency. All present appreciated CPG and Turkish Airlines as this has given the local community a good transport link to Pakistan.

The Convener introduced the Second speaker, Deputy Chief Constable Steve Allen, Police Scotland. The DCC informed the audience of the commonwealth games and policing.

The Convenor also gave a summary report of the work being done by the Sub Group on Women for the CPG on Pakistan. Zahira Hassan who is also a member of the Sub Group on Women thanked the Convenor and the CPG on Pakistan for creating a Sub Group on Women as this has given a platform for women of Pakistani origin living in Scotland to raise their issues.

The floor appreciated the work which the CPG has done so far. Leonard Thomson Who is Solicitor and Partner of Sturrock, Armstrong & Thomson is a firm of property and private client solicitors, with two offices right in the heart of Edinburgh mentioned that he is delighted that his firm is now member of the CPG and they are intending to open an office in Pakistan for legal and immigration and in the near future would like to make a presentation to the CPG on this.

CPG Meeting/AGM 5th March 2014

2 MSP'S, 19 Non MSP'S attendees

Guest Speakers

Shamsu Rahman from Discovery Islam
Sajjad Khan from Discovery Islam

The chair Michael McMahon thanked everyone for their support to the CPG for the last year. The Chair informed the room that before starting the CPG meeting we are required to hold the AGM and elect officer bearers.

Siobhan McMahon to give an update of the Women's Sub Group of the CPG which Siobhan leads and Siobhan highlighted what the sub group had discussed and what problems are being faced by Scottish Pakistani women.

The Chair then introduced three new organisations who have become members of the CPG. Concern Worldwide, Turkish Scottish Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Discovery Islam. The Chair asked Concern worldwide representative Elaine Mullen to say a few words. Elaine spoke about briefly about Concern Worldwide and about their involvement in Pakistan.

Discovery Islam made a presentation. Shamsu Rahman and Sajjad Khan introduced themselves and explained what Discovery Islam is about. They explained that it's a

Charitable organisation established in 2008. It is dedicated to promote a better understanding of Islam and clear the common misconceptions. They provide free services and understanding through talks to

- Primary & Secondary Schools
- Colleges
- Universities
- Local Councils
- Local communities
- Communal Events

Discovery Islam made a presentation via DVD. Then took questions from the room everyone in the room appreciated the work of Discovery Islam. Discovery Islam requested that they would like to hold a exhibition in the Parliament highlighting their work. All in the room thought this would be a good idea. The Chair offered to sponsor the exhibition. Which was gladly accepted by the Discovery Islam.

In the room it was highlighted by youngsters that a youth sub group should be formed and all the room agreed it was a good initiative for Scottish Pakistan youth to have this as part of the CPG.

There is clear adequate support from the Pakistani diaspora in Scotland and organisations Public and Private in Scotland for the Cross Party Group on Pakistan and great support also in Pakistan.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Michael McMahon

Murdo Fraser

Willie Rennie

Siobhan McMahon

Hanzala Malik

Jim Eadie

Sarah Boyack

Chic Brodie

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Amer Masood

Malik Masood

Hassan Shah Bukhari

Abid Raja

Nedeem Ashraf

Mehmood Hussain

Mehmoob Ditta

Dr Nabila Masood

Afshan Masood

Umair Raja

Iftikhar Hussain

Khalid Mir

Asghar

Malik Abid

Tariq Mian

Zeeshan Saeed

Syed Khan

Parveen Khalid

Khalida Hussain

Khalid Mir
Muhammed Tanvir
Muhammed Iqbal
Muhammed Hameed
Councillor Angela Blackstock
Mohammed Imran
Mohammed Majeed
Irfan Majeed
Zahira Hassan
Shazia Nadeem
Mohammed Javed
Sardar Ali Asghar
Mohammed Kabir
Anila Ansari
Mohammed Mohsin
Fatima Bajwa
Mohammed Kabir
Dr Amjad
Shehrayar Khan
Willie McArthur
Ehtansham Danish Awan
Amjad Butt (CPG liaison in Pakistan, Lahore based)
Naveed Ghafoor
Sahin Firat
Bilal Majeed
Usman Mirza
Asim Ahmed

	<p>Sajjad Khan</p> <p>Tanveer Ahmed</p> <p>Muzo Emek</p> <p>Willie McArthur</p> <p>Entansham Awan</p> <p>Bilwal Raja</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>NHS Tayside</p> <p>NHS 24</p> <p>University of Glasgow</p> <p>University of Stirling</p> <p>Robert Gordon University</p> <p>Telford College</p> <p>Scottish Chambers of Commerce</p> <p>BAA Glasgow Airport</p> <p>Scottish Asian Pakistan Foundation</p> <p>Central Scotland Racial Equality Council</p> <p>Scottish Ambulance Service</p> <p>Victim Support</p> <p>Pakistan Community Centre and Mosque, Edinburgh</p> <p>Scottish Police International</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Development International</p> <p>Mercy Corps</p>

Consulate of Pakistan Glasgow

UNISON

Scottish Co-operative Party

Friends of Scotland, National Assembly (Pakistan Parliament)

Scottish and Pakistan Economic Relations Committee, Lahore Chamber of Commerce

Scottish Financial Enterprise (SFE)

Community Welfare Attaché, Embassy of Pakistan, London

Community Welfare Attaché, Consulate General of Pakistan, Manchester

Friends of Scotland, Senate of Pakistan

Lahore Stock Exchange

Overseas Pakistani Foundation

Ministry of Overseas Pakistani, Government of Pakistan

K A JAVID & CO Accountants

Sturrock, Armstrong & Thomson Solicitors

Punjab Scottish Parliamentary Friendship Group

Turkish Airlines

CODE Charity

Concern Worldwide Charity

Edinburgh University Pakistan Society

Discovery Islam

GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Michael McMahon
Deputy Convener	Murdo Fraser Willie Rennie
Secretary	Amer Masood
Treasurer	

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

None

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

None as Free to all

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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