

NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION

**Yearbook
2019-20**

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National Security Vision of Pakistan

(Approved by the Prime Minister on 24th December 2018)

We envision Pakistan as an Islamic Welfare State, internationally relevant and aligned with universal principles of justice, equality, and tolerance. Seeking peaceful neighbourhood, based on mutual co-existence, regional connectivity and shared prosperity. A secure and economically resilient Pakistan, empowered by the diversity of culture, demographic dividend and credible minimum deterrence, while ensuring fundamental rights and social justice without discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or belief. Promoting delivery-based good governance through strengthening institutions, transparency, accountability, and openness, as an article of faith.

Mission of the National Security Division

The National Security Division endeavors to promote and integrate initiatives on national security and strategic policy planning under a holistic National Security Policy based on the principles of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Prime Minister's vision. The Division seeks to promote a unified national narrative on a broad-based conception of National Security and remains committed to providing administrative and intellectual support to the National Security Committee (NSC), Pakistan's premier decision-making forum on national security, and all relevant stakeholders. Appreciating Pakistan's complex security requirements, the Division is geared to build international synergies by holding security dialogues with partner countries to strengthen Pakistan's global cooperation on matters of security.

National Security Committee

National Security Committee (NSC) is the principal decision-making body of the country on national security matters. The composition of NSC is as follows:

The Prime Minister	Chairman
Minister for Defence	Member
Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue	Member
Minister for Foreign Affairs	Member
Minister for Interior	Member
Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Information and Broadcasting	Member
Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning	Member
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee	Member
Chief of Army Staff	Member
Chief of Naval Staff	Member
Chief of Air Staff	Member
Secretary, Cabinet Division	Co-opted Member

The NSC, on its 3rd meeting (held on 17th April 2014), approved the composition and functions of its following two supportive arms:

1. Planning Committee
2. Advisory Board

Planning Committee

Composition

- National Security Adviser/SAPM on NSD & SPP (Chair)
- Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Secretary, Ministry of Defence

- Secretary, Ministry of Interior
- Secretary, National Security Division
- Heads of the relevant Intelligence Agencies
- Chief of General Staff
- Any other official by special invitation

Functions

- Identify security issues on which research is required.
- Make arrangements for carrying out research by public and private sector institutions.
- Prepare necessary policy briefs and working papers for consideration of the NSC.
- Prepare material on national security issues for presentation to the Parliament.

Advisory Board

The composition and functions of the Advisory Board are as under:

Composition

- National Security Adviser/SAPM on NSD & SPP (Chair)
- Secretary, National Security Division (Deputy Chair)
- Director-General, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI)
- President, Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), Islamabad
- Director-General, Institute for Strategic Studies, Research & Analysis (ISSRA) of the NDU, Islamabad.
- Any other think tank or a person of eminence with expertise in strategic and foreign policy issues.

Functions

- Conduct research on national security issues under the supervision of the National Security Division.
- Brief the Planning Committee on national security issues as and when required.
- Organize national and international seminars on national security issues.

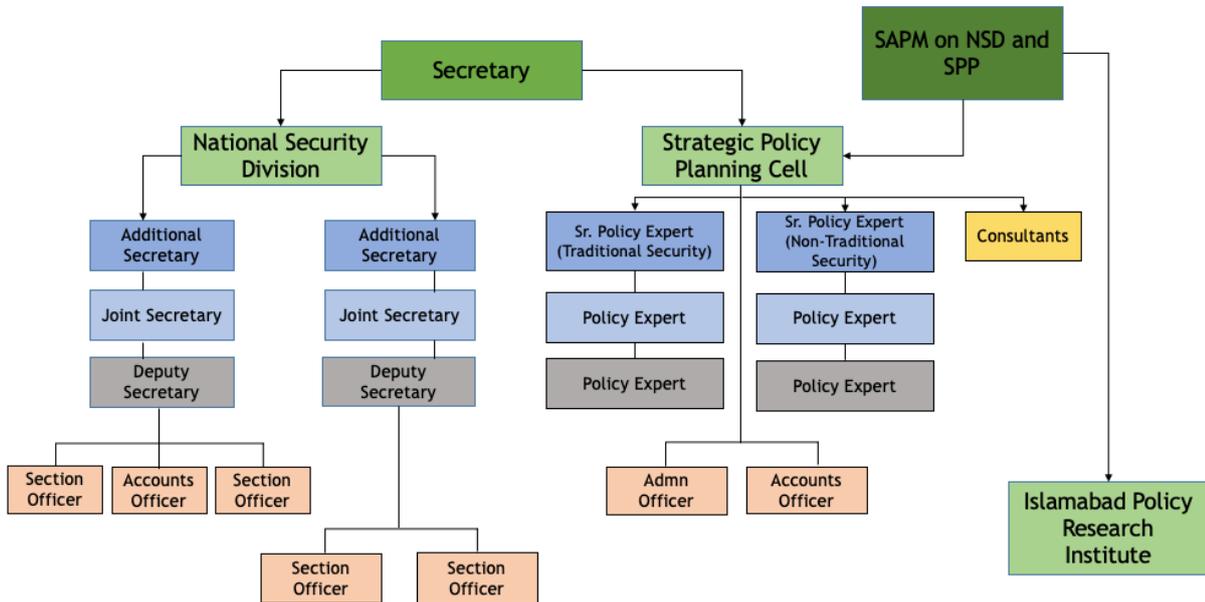
National Security Division

(Functions Under Rules of Business 1973)

Following are the core functions assigned to the National Security Division under the Government of Pakistan, Rules of Business 1973:

- Function as Secretariat of the National Security Committee (NSC).
- Convene meetings of the National Security Committee.
- Collect, coordinate and collate proposals and input from all relevant Ministries and organizations for consideration of the NSC.
- Formulate comprehensive National Security policy for approval of the National Security Committee as well as ensure its sustainability through monitoring of its implementation and undertaking periodical review / updation in consultation with all the stakeholders as required.
- Coordinate the implementation of strategies and policies approved by the NSC through relevant Ministries and organizations.
- Develop a national narrative to promote the national security vision outlined in the NSP and counter the negative and obscurantist ideology of extremists, terrorists, and militants.
- Provide administrative and financial management support to the functionally independent Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC) and coordinate all intellectual/research and dialogue-based activities through the SPPC.
- Brief the Parliament and its Committees on national security-related issues.
- Conduct national security dialogue with other countries in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
- Interact with counterpart National Security Councils of other countries.

Organogram of NSD



Strategic Policy Planning Cell

The Division has quite a lean structure. Yet the tasks assigned to it are highly important and sensitive. To supplement the work of the Division, an independent Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC) has been established within the Division.

The Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC) operates with policy experts specializing in areas of Traditional Security, Non-Traditional Security, and International Law. In addition, a team of consultants supports the research and analysis conducted by the SPPC.

Functions

The SPPC would perform the following functions:

- To operate as an intellectual hub for evidence-based policy inputs on issues relevant to the National Security Committee (NSC).
- To assess comprehensive security situation in its various dimensions including traditional, economic and human security etc.
- Provide input / advice on strategic response to Pakistan's internal and external challenges.
- Proactively produce scenarios, forecasts and multiple alternative policy options on issues specific to national security.
- Proactively conduct original research and prospective analysis on issues of immediate and long term importance to Pakistan that may not be receiving the requisite attention within the system.
- Absorb inputs from all relevant Ministries/agencies, further analyze and distil them and present holistic view on the issues under consideration by the Prime Minister/ NSC.
- SPPC will present its inputs at the NSC meeting when required. SPPC will also continue channeling /reporting its work directly to the Prime Minister, members of the NSC, regardless of the frequency of the NSC meetings.
- SPPC will engage with and present Pakistan's perspective at intellectual policy forums held internationally under the auspices of various independent organization/INGOs.
- SPPC will act as an official channel to receive scholarly input from independent stakeholders, analysts, think tanks working on various aspects of security by regularly convening policy discussions and dialogues.
- SPPC will act as an independent body and will not fall under the hierarchy of the National Security Division. National Security Division will support SPPC in terms of financial and administrative management.

Council of Experts

The Council of Experts is a mainstay of the SPPC, consisting of think tanks, universities, and independent Pakistani experts. These experts support SPPC's analysis through intellectual input and undertake original research for the Cell where possible.

The Council of Experts focuses on the following areas:

- Foreign Relations
- Economic Security
- Human Security
- Traditional Security

Examples of Projects

i. National Security Policy

The National Security Division is responsible for formulating the comprehensive National Security Policy (NSP) for approval of the National Security Committee.

Soon after the creation of the National Security Division (NSD) in January 2014, the process of formulating the National Security Policy began, and multiple consultations were held with official stakeholders, including all federal ministries and divisions, provincial governments, governments of Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and military institutions.

In 2019, NSD revived the NSP consultation process and engaged all relevant stakeholders to solicit input.

A comprehensive National Security Policy and an Implementation Framework are scheduled to be completed and presented before the National Security Committee and the Federal Cabinet by the end of 2021.

ii. National Security Dialogues/Discussion with Foreign Counterparts

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf held discussions with foreign diplomats on issues of bilateral interest and regional and international developments.

iii. Policy Inputs on the Specific National Security Issues

SPPC/NSD gives research-based policy inputs on a range of security issues to the government in the form of policy notes, analytical pieces, research papers, and presentations. Moreover, it monitors specific issues relevant to Pakistan and its security and follows key international developments, and analyzes their potential impact on Pakistan. SPPC also spearheads initiatives on several critical issues concerning Pakistan.

iv. Priority Sector-Specific Reform Plans

Priority sector projects are approved by the Prime Minister. It helps identify the core issues and impact in various sectors of non-traditional security. Under this project, NSD coordinates activity with relevant stakeholders and develops solutions to problems.

v. Sector Specific Initiatives

SPPC works to analyze security dimensions of various key sectors, such as food security, economic security, energy security, etc.

vi. Public International Law

The SPPC regularly drafts legal opinions on pressing legal issues that concern national security. The exercise aims to periodically identify geo-strategic challenges and suggest ways forward to effectively deal with the issues in light of international law. The team strives to converge legal and policy considerations for formulating a better strategy to protect and further national interest. The team also provides research support to different stakeholders on diverse legal challenges.

vii. Global Intellectual and Policy Outreach

The SPPC and NSD act as the hub to create new pathways for Pakistan's engagement with international policy analysts, media, think tanks, and academia to share Pakistan's perspective on our region and global challenges. SPPC believes that wide-ranging engagement is necessary to acknowledge the progress Pakistan continues to make on challenges facing the country and the world.

viii. Media Outreach

SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf actively engages with national and international media to present Pakistan's viewpoint on various issues about national security.

ix. Economic Outreach Initiative

The SPPC began work to develop an Economic Diplomacy strategy, expand Pakistan's economic diplomacy initiative globally, and position Pakistan to better leverage political relationships for economic goals.

x. National Command and Coordination Center (NCOC) Coordination

SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf was an integral part of the government of Pakistan's efforts against COVID-19, specifically coordinating COVID-19 response with regard to air and land border movement.

Photo Gallery

Select Meetings with Foreign Diplomats in Islamabad



U.S. (Acting) Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Ms. Alice Wells called on Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 20th Jan 2020)



Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation, Mr. Zalmay Khalilzad called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 31st January 2020)



High Commissioner of Canada, Ms. Wendy Gilmour called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 11th June 2020)



High Commissioner of Britain, Dr. Christian Turner called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 24th June 2020)



Ambassador of China, Mr. Yao Jing called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 24th June 2020)

Other Consultative Meetings



Chairperson, Dr. Moeed Yusuf held a consultative session on Strategic Policy Planning Cell (SPPC). (Date: 28th October 2019)



Chairperson, Dr. Moeed Yusuf held a consultative session on SPPC. (Date: 9th November 2019)



SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed W. Yusuf held a meeting of the Steering Committee on Economic Diplomacy. (Date: 19th February 2020)



SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed W. Yusuf held a meeting of the Steering Committee on Economic Diplomacy to finalize the process of Economic Diplomacy Strategy. (Date: 6th March 2020)



National Security Committee meeting called to review the current status of and Pakistan's response to the Coronavirus. (13th March 2020)



A high-level delegation of former officials and senior civil society activists of Afghanistan called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 13th March 2020)

Conferences/Seminars



Chairperson, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a keynote address on Peace and Development in South Asia, Middle East, and Central Asia (SAMECA), a two-day conference at Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI). (Date: 13th November 2019)



Chairperson SPPC, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a speech at "Annual Conference of CPEC Consortium of Universities" at Jinnah Convention Center. (Date: 18th November 2019)



Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a speech on a Two-Day Seminar on “Economic Revival and Sustainable Growth” organized by Pakistan Business Council. (Date: 11th December 2019)



SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a speech on a seminar “Cyber and Space: Opportunities and Challenges for Pakistan” organized by the Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS). (Date: 11th December 2019)



SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a speech at an international conference “Cross-Regional Media Fusion Among the Belt and Road Partners” organized by Center for Global Strategic Studies. (Date: 17th December 2019)



SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a lecture on National Security Policy at National Defence University (Date: 14th February 2019)



SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a speech on a seminar “Radical India vs Responsible Pakistan” organized by the Centre for Peace, Security and Developmental Studies. (Date: 27th February 2020)



SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a keynote address on Webinar “Covid-19 and Repatriation of Pakistani Workers: Socio-Economic Implications” organized by Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad. (Date: 4th June 2020)