

NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION

**Yearbook
2020-21**

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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
National Security Adviser	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.

During the period July 2020 to June 2021, 13 meetings of the Advisory Board were held leading to various initiatives of national importance.

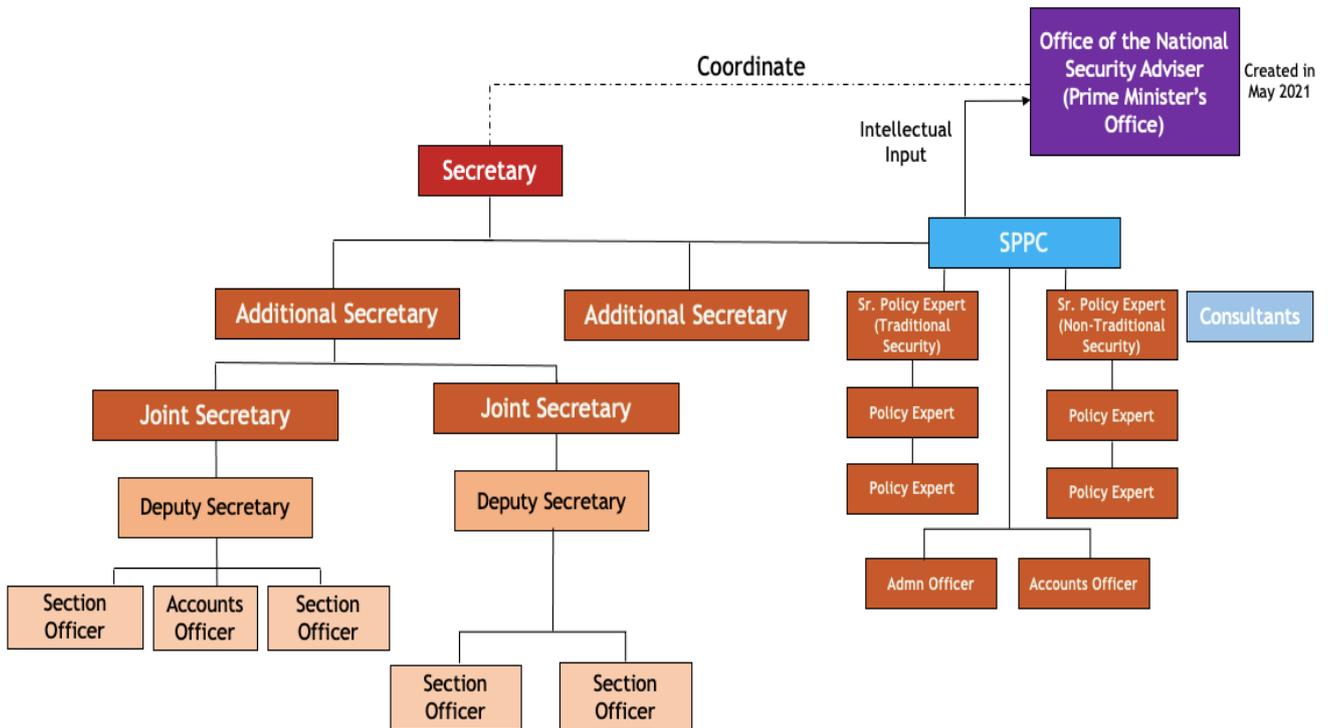
National Security Division

(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 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.

The functions of the SPPC include:

- i. To operate as an intellectual hub for evidence-based policy input on issues relevant to the National Security Committee (NSC).
- ii. To assess the comprehensive security situation in its various dimensions including traditional, economic, and human security, etc.
- iii. Provide input/advice on strategic response to Pakistan's internal and external challenges.
- iv. Proactively produce scenarios, forecasts, and multiple alternative policy options on issues specific to national security.
- v. 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.
- vi. SPPC shall work in close liaison with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Security Division and all other relevant Ministries/Agencies/Departments working on issues of national security and foreign policy. SPPC shall have access to the analysis prepared by relevant agencies on the issues under discussion at the NSC.
- vii. Absorb inputs from all relevant Ministries/Agencies, further analyze and distill them and present a holistic view on the issues under consideration by the Prime Minister/NSC.
- viii. The mainstay of SPPC will be the Council of Experts consisting of think tanks, universities, and independent Pakistani experts. This Council of Experts will support SPPC's analysis through intellectual input and undertake original research for the Cell where possible.
- ix. 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.
- x. SPPC will engage with and present Pakistan's perspective at intellectual policy forums held internationally under the auspices of various independent organizations/INGOs.
- xi. SPPC will act as an official channel to receive scholarly input from independent stakeholders, analysts, and think tanks working on various aspects of security by regularly convening policy discussions and dialogues.
- xii. 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

Islamabad Security Dialogue

The Islamabad Security Dialogue (ISD) is envisioned as Pakistan's annual flagship security forum that positions Pakistan as a leading voice in thought leadership on national security issues. ISD provides a platform for critical thinking and robust intellectual discourse on some of the most important and pressing challenges and opportunities facing Pakistan and the wider region. ISD is Pakistan's first-ever initiative in which policymaking and future scenarios on comprehensive national security are discussed under the banner of the Government of Pakistan.

The National Security Division, in collaboration with the Advisory Board of the National Security Committee of Pakistan, organized the first edition of the ISD, which was held on 17th and 18th March 2021 in Islamabad. The first edition examined key contours of national policy that will help shape a more secure and prosperous Pakistan, laid down existing challenges and opportunities in regional security, and explored Pakistan's economic security paradigm. The main aims of the ISD were:

- i. Unveiling Pakistan's comprehensive national security framework.
- ii. Proactively shifting the conversation around Pakistan's role and potential as an economic melting pot for positive global economic interests and a responsible partner in the regional and global order.
- iii. Launching the first-of-its-kind National Security Division Advisory Portal.

Key Themes of ISD

The two-day conference centered on five major themes:

- i. Comprehensive National Security Framework
- ii. Economic Security
- iii. Human Security Paradigm
- iv. Regional Peace and Security
- v. Pakistan's Place in the Evolving World Order

Audience

The event, held in a hybrid format due to the Covid-19 pandemic, was attended by international thinkers, global and local policy experts, scholars, members of the Federal Cabinet, Diplomatic Corps, former government officials, academia, think-tanks, and civil society members.

Examples of Projects

i. National Security Policy

The National Security Division is responsible for “formulation of comprehensive National Security Policy (NSP) for approval of the National Security Committee as well as ensure its sustainability through monitoring of its implementation and undertaking periodical review and updation in consultation with all the stakeholders as required”.

Soon after the creation of the National Security Division 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 addition, input was solicited from over 600 individuals, including the National Security Division’s Council of Experts, specialists, and civil society members, to make this document inclusive. Open hearings on the key contours of the Policy were also held in private and public universities.

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 December 2021.

ii. National Security Dialogues/Discussion with Foreign Counterparts

The National Security Adviser (NSA) of Pakistan held discussions with his foreign counterparts on issues of bilateral interest and regional and international developments. Office of the National Security Adviser regularly engages with several foreign counterparts around the world. In addition, NSA also participates in international forums to present Pakistan’s viewpoint on national security matters.

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. For the year July 2020 - June 2021, SPPC drafted over 100 policy inputs on various national security issues.

iv. Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Framework

The NTS framework is being developed to offer a holistic application to the security paradigm. Economic security, food security, population management, climate control, administrative and legal simplicity, optimization, and other dynamics are being developed. COVID responses, economic diplomacy strategy and unifying export problems, scenario forecasting, reasons countries grow and a food security dashboard are a few examples of NTS in play.

v. 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.

vi. Sector Specific Initiatives

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

vii. 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.

viii. 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.

Specifically, NSD promotes structured interactions and collaboration of its advisory board and other policy research institutes with counterparts around the world. These engagements help develop a deeper understanding of global dynamics, facilitate collaborative research projects, and promote official and unofficial dialogues.

ix. National Security Division's Advisory Portal

During the opening ceremony of the Islamabad Security Dialogue, the Prime Minister launched the first-of-its-kind Advisory Portal of the National Security Division. The portal operates as a hub to link Pakistani academia and policy experts/intellectuals with the government so their intellectual capital can be utilized to create more depth in policy decisions about traditional, economic, and human security. It provides Pakistani universities and think tanks a dedicated and secure mechanism to provide policy recommendations and input directly to the National Security Division, and reflects the Prime Minister's vision to make national policy more inclusive, informed, responsive, and participatory.

x. Coordination for the Prime Minister's Office

The Office of the National Security Adviser is also responsible for coordinating progress on tasks/projects that arise from the Prime Minister's selected interactions/directions. For this purpose, progress made by respective ministries/divisions/agencies for each task is reviewed and bottlenecks removed.

xi. Media Outreach

The Office of the National Security Adviser actively engages with national and international media to present Pakistan's viewpoint on various issues about national security. For the year July 2020 - June 2021, 75+ media interactions have been carried out.

xii. Economic Outreach Initiative

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

Islamabad Policy Research Institute

Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) is a non-partisan think tank that works on all facets of National Security. IPRI is affiliated with the National Security Division (NSD), Government of Pakistan, and is part of NSD's Advisory Board. The NSD provides strategic guidance and overall direction to IPRI. National Security Adviser serves as ex-officio patron of IPRI.

What does IPRI do?

IPRI carries out extensive research and data analytics. It aims to:

- i. Provide actionable policy input on the following research themes: International Relations, Lawfare, Governance and Public Policy, Strategic Studies, and Economic Security.
- ii. Help different arms of the National Security Establishment to undertake critical reforms on data and in the digital space.
- iii. Help the government with its strategic communication on National Security.
- iv. Strengthen academic and policy linkages with the world's key foreign policy think tanks and promote dialogue.

Presently, IPRI is ranked 74th in the world in the “Best Government-Affiliated Think Tanks” as rated by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Programme (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania.

Photo Gallery

Select Advisory Board Meetings



Meeting of the Advisory Board of the National Security Committee. (Date: 18th August 2020)



7th Meeting of the Advisory Board of the National Security Committee. (Date: 8th December 2020)



11th Meeting of the Advisory Board of the National Security Committee. (Date: 3rd March 2021)

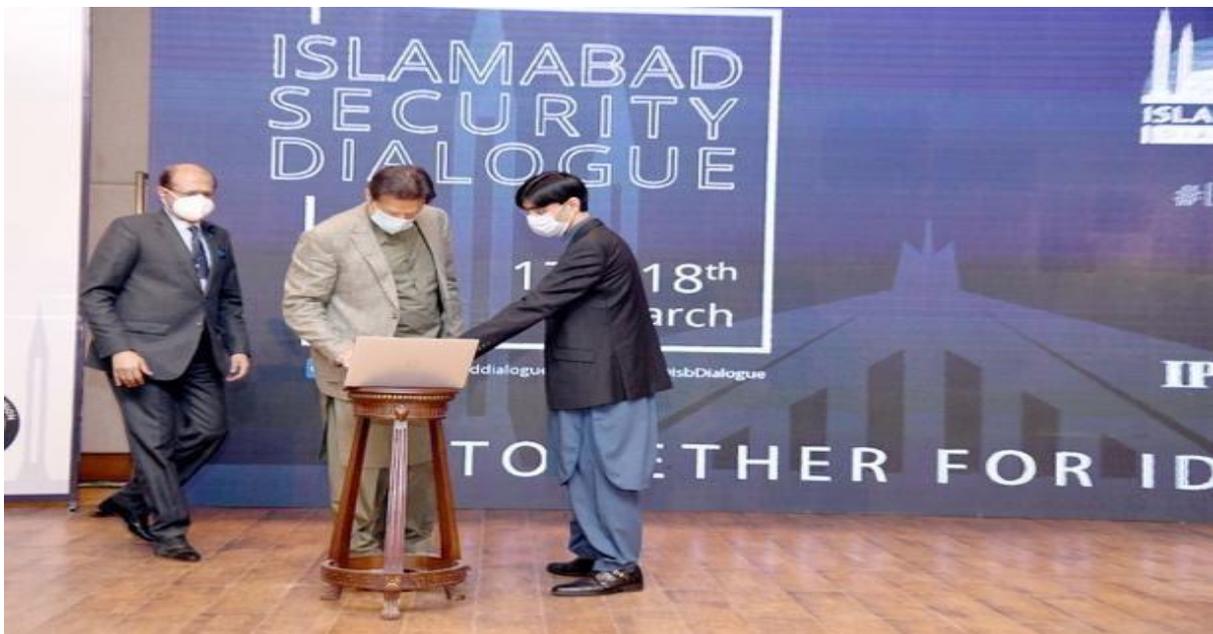


15th Meeting of the Advisory Board of the National Security Committee. (Date: 9th June 2021)

Islamabad Security Dialogue



Prime Minister Imran Khan inaugurated the Islamabad Security Dialogue. (Date: 17th March 2021)



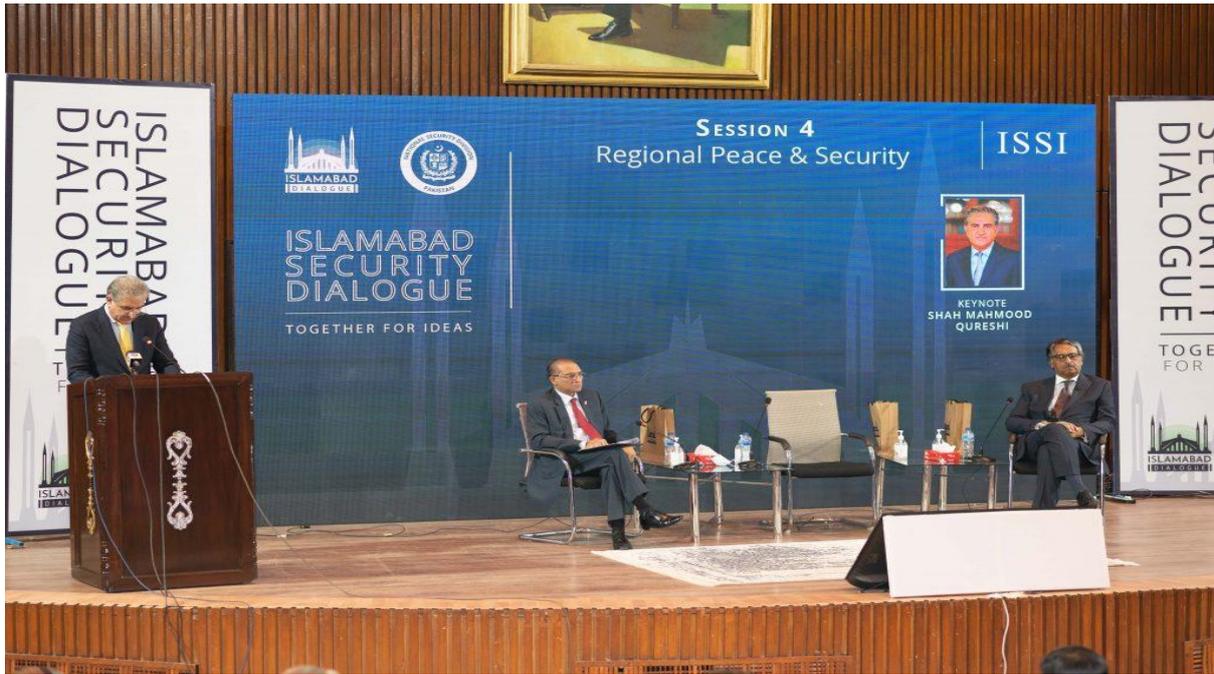
Prime Minister Imran Khan launched National Security Division's Advisory Portal at Islamabad Security Dialogue. (Date: 17th March 2021)



Panelists for the session “Economic Security at the Core”. (Date: 17th March 2021)



Panelists for the session “Responsibility Within: Instituting a Human Security Paradigm”. (Date: 18th March 2021)



Minister for Foreign Affairs, Shah Mehmood Qureshi delivered a keynote address in the session “Regional Peace & Security” at Islamabad Security Dialogue. (Date: 18th March 2021)



Panelists for the session “Evolving World Order and Pakistan”. (Date: 18th March 2021)

Select National Security Dialogues/Discussion with Foreign Counterparts



Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning (SAPM), Dr. Moeed Yusuf represented Pakistan at the National Security Adviser's Dialogue in Shanghai Cooperation Organization. (Date: 15th September 2020)



A delegation of Djibouti's National Parliament called on Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 2nd January 2021)



Secretary of the Security Council of Tajikistan, Mr. Nasrullo Mahmudzoda with National Security Adviser (NSA), Dr. Moeed Yusuf, in Dushanbe. (Date: June 22, 2021)



NSA, Dr. Moeed Yusuf attended the 16th meeting of the National Security Advisers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. (Date: June 23, 2021)

Select Meetings with Foreign Diplomats in Islamabad



Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mr. Tarek Mohammed Dahroug called on Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 22nd July 2020)



German Ambassador, Mr. Bernhard Schlagheck called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (24th September 2020)



Ambassador of Afghanistan, Mr. Najibullah Alikhil called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 26th November 2020)



Ambassador of Turkey, Mr. İhsan Mustafa Yurdakul called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 26th January 2021)



Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Maliki called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 3rd February 2021)



Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Nong Rong called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 18th February 2021)



Ambassador of Germany to Pakistan, Mr. Bernhard Schlagheck called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 5th March 2021)



Ambassador of France, Mr. Marc Baréty called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 9th March 2021)



Ambassador of Qatar, Mr. Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 13th April 2021)



Ambassador of China, Mr. Nong Rong called SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 13th April 2021)



Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Kuninori Matsuda called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 21st April 2021)



US Charge d'Affaires, Ms. Angela Aggeler called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 28th April 2021)



British High Commissioner, Dr. Christian Turner called on SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 30th April 2021)



Ambassador of the European Union, Ms. Androulla Kaminara called on National Security Adviser (NSA), Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 26th May 2021)



Australian High Commissioner, Dr. Geoffrey Shaw called on NSA, Dr. Moeed Yusuf.
(Date: 28th May 2021)



Ambassador of Belarus, Mr. A. Metelitsa called on NSA, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 2nd
June 2021)



Ambassador of UAE, Mr. Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Al-Zaabi called on NSA, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 3rd June 2021)



Ambassador of Switzerland, H.E. Mr. Benedict de Cerjat called on NSA, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 11th June 2021)



Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Suh Sangpyo called on NSA, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 25th June 2021)

Other Consultative Meetings



President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron with Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf. (Date: 24th August 2020)



SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf chaired a meeting on the Pakistan-Afghanistan Track II Dialogue. (Date: 12th December 2020)



Secretary National Security Division, Engr. Aamir Hasan chaired a high-level consultative meeting on National Security. (29th January 2021)



SAPM on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf discussing regional peace and Pak-Afghan bilateral relations with Parliamentarians from Afghanistan.

Conferences/Seminars



Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a speech on “Inter-Religious and Global Solidarity against Islamophobia”. (Date: 15th July 2020)



Kashmir Day Event at Aiwan-e-Sadr organized by Institute of Strategic Studies and National Security Division. (Date: 4th February 2021)



Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security Division and Strategic Policy Planning, Dr. Moeed Yusuf delivered a speech at International Maritime Conference during Multinational Maritime Exercise AMAN-21. (Date: 13th July 2020)