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Pakistan, Iran Vow to Deepen Ties During Araghchi Visit

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Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations during a meeting in Islamabad, held as part of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's state visit.

On August 2, 2025, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar welcomed Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) in Islamabad, as reported by the Ministry's official statement. The meeting,

part of Iranian President Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian's two-day state visit to Pakistan, focused on deepening the longstanding ties between the two nations. Both leaders engaged in comprehensive discussions, covering trade, energy, border security, and regional stability, emphasizing the need for enhanced cooperation to address shared challenges. The talks underscored the historical, cultural, and religious bonds uniting Pakistan and Iran, with both sides pledging to elevate bilateral trade to \$10 billion annually, according to Iran's state-run Press TV.

Araghchi, accompanying President Pezeshkian, conveyed Tehran's desire to bolster strategic and economic partnerships, as noted by Pakistan's MoFA. Dar highlighted the positive momentum in Pakistan-Iran relations, stressing the importance of regular consultations to strengthen mechanisms for collaboration. "The deep-rooted relationship between our nations is a foundation for mutual progress," Dar was quoted as saying by Radio Pakistan, reflecting on the shared commitment to regional peace. The discussions also touched on broader regional developments, which Dar addressed by reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to peace and dialogue, according to the MoFA.

The visit, which included meetings with Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, signals a robust push for closer ties. Analysts described the visit as a potential stride toward long-term cooperation, according to GlobalSecurity.org. The leaders agreed to prioritize economic connectivity, including Pakistan's potential role in linking Iran to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). This strategic alignment aims to counter regional security threats and foster economic growth. The talks reflect Pakistan's focus on fostering strong, independent relations with neighbors while addressing pressing regional concerns through dialogue and mutual respect.