

EUROPEAN UNION AND IT' S FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS PAKISTAN

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ABSTRACT

European Union and Pakistan relationship is not the production of recent events. The bond between the two was officially started on 1976. This article reveals that, like other foreign relations, European Union and Pakistan has also witnessed ups and downs, however both sides has always been clear about their requirements and their expectations throughout the relationship.

Looking back at the history of the EU-Pakistan bond, during the 1998-2008, we have witnessed the turbulence in bilateral relation. Some analyst believe that it was due to the successful nuclear tests by Pakistan that upset European Union because of the anticipation of global peace. Also political experts believe that the turbulence was due to the dictatorship administration. Indeed EU has always been a great supporter for democracy and thus helped Pakistan in democratic transition.

Many summits and agreements has been signed between the European Union and Pakistan, however, noticeably EU has always demanded successful institutionalization of democracy, provision of basic human rights, implementation of good governance, socio-economic development, energy and sectoral cooperation and has always showed their concerns about global peace and security. On the other hand, Pakistan has always been interested in trade and development opportunities for the development of the domestic markets.

Pakistan is also heartily thankful for the friendly gesture provided through monetary aid, delivered as rehabilitation and relief funds especially for 2005 earthquake victims and 2010 flood victims.

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