



SHAUKAT AZIZ

FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN

Mr. Shaukat Aziz served as the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan from 28 August 2004 to 15 November 2007 after having been elected as Member of the National Assembly and the Leader of the House. He relinquished the office of the Prime Minister on completion of the five-year tenure of the National Assembly.

Prior to becoming the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Aziz held the portfolio of Finance Minister since November 1999. He was also responsible for Economic Affairs, Planning and Development, Revenue and Statistics Divisions. During this period, Mr. Aziz embarked upon an ambitious programme of economic stabilization and structural reform, which helped revive the sagging economy of the country.

In the General Elections of October 2002, Mr. Aziz was elected as Senator and continued as Finance Minister, which was an endorsement by the elected government of his agenda of economic reform. He won international acclaim and recognition as the main architect of Pakistan's economic reform and turnaround. In 2001 Mr. Aziz was declared as "Finance Minister of the Year" by Euro Money and Bankers Magazine.

As Head of Government, Mr. Aziz implemented comprehensive structural reforms in all walks of national life, which have strengthened the economy, improved governance and put the country on a path of sustained high growth.

As Prime Minister, Mr. Aziz chaired the Cabinet as well as Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet, National Economic Council, and

Cabinet Committees on Privatization, Agriculture, Social Sectors and Regulatory Bodies.

Mr. Aziz co-chaired the Secretary-General's High Level Panel on the United Nations System-wide Coherence in the areas of development, humanitarian assistance and the environment. The recommendations of the Panel for a One UN Programme are under implementation on a pilot basis in eight countries including Pakistan.

In recognition of his services for promoting peace and cooperation in Asia and the world at large, the House of Representatives of the Philippines conferred the highest award of the Congressional Medal of Achievement upon Mr. Aziz in 2006.

In recognition of his visionary leadership and contribution as Finance Minister and Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Institute of Business Administration University of Karachi, Pakistan conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) upon Mr. Aziz in 2005.

Prior to his entry into politics, Mr. Aziz had a prolific career in global finance and international banking with Citigroup/Citibank, spanning over 30 years and numerous countries. He began his professional career in 1969 on joining Citibank in Karachi.

In 1975, he was appointed to overseas designations and went on to serve in several countries including the Philippines, Jordan, Greece, USA, UK, Malaysia, Singapore and Saudi Arabia. His assignments included Head of Corporate and Investment Banking for Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa; Corporate Planning Officer, Citicorp; Managing Director, Saudi American Bank; and Global Head, Private Banking for Citigroup. In 1992, he was appointed Executive Vice President of Citibank.

Mr. Aziz is a frequent speaker on the international circuit, including major think-tanks and universities all over the world, on a host of issues covering geopolitics, interfaith harmony, foreign affairs and international finance.