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Resolution calling upon USAID to work with the Pakistani-American community to direct relief to Pakistan through non-governmental organizations.

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Whereas, On July 22, 2010, Pakistan experienced heavy rainfall that resulted in severe flooding in vast regions of the country, affecting approximately 20.6 million people, and resulted in more than 1,700 deaths, according to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA); and

Whereas, On July 30, the U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan issued a disaster declaration in response to the damage that resulted from the floods; and

Whereas, One-fifth of the country is underwater and the threat of further flooding continues, according to InterAction, a U.S.-based nongovernmental organization participating in the Pakistan relief effort; and

Whereas, There are approximately 10 million people that require humanitarian assistance, according to a report by USAID, a U.S. government agency involved in the relief effort; and

Whereas, USAID is working to provide assistance through international and local non-governmental organizations with the capacity to implement emergency programs effectively and with accountability; and

Whereas, According to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau, there are an estimated 253,193 U.S. citizens of Pakistani descent living in the United States, including permanent residents; and

Whereas, The 2000 U.S. Census Bureau also reported that there are approximately 34,310 Pakistani-Americans living in New York City; and

Whereas, Several Pakistani-American charitable non-profit organizations throughout the United States

are working to contribute to the flood recovery effort with both financial and in-kind assistance; and

Whereas, Despite the United States' contributions to the flood relief effort in Pakistan, the Pakistani-American community is asking the U.S. government to expand its assistance, according to the Council on Pakistan Relations; and

Whereas, In order to alleviate concerns from the Pakistani-American community that U.S. assistance to Pakistan is inadequate, it is extremely important for USAID to work with the Pakistani-American community in this relief effort and to provide additional aid and support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon USAID to work with the Pakistani-American community to direct relief to Pakistan through non-governmental organizations.

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