

Foreign relations of Pakistan

The <u>Islamic Republic of Pakistan</u> maintains a large network of diplomatic relations across the world. <u>Pakistan</u> is the second largest <u>Muslim-majority country</u> in <u>terms of population</u> (<u>after Indonesia</u>[1]) and is the only Muslim majority nation to have possession of nuclear weapons. [2][3]

Pakistan has trade relations with the $\underline{EU}^{[4]}$ It maintains trade relations with several countries in East and South Asia, as well as many European countries. [5]

Nations with which Pakistan has diplomatic relations.

Pakistan is being situated at the corridor of major maritime and land-based transit routes making its

location strategic geopolitically. It bridges the energy-rich regions of Central Asia and the Middle East, with the population centers of South and East Asia. [6][7] Pakistan also has geostrategic hotspots such as Afghanistan, China, India and Iran as immediate neighbors. Pakistan maintains a tense political relationship with India due to the Kashmir conflict, [8] close ties with the People's Republic of China, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Gulf Arab states, [9] fluctuating relationship with the United States of America due to overlapping interests during the Cold War and War on Terror. [11] Pakistan is a member of the United Nations, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and many more.

Foreign policy of Pakistan

Pakistan's foreign policy seeks to 'promote the internationally recognized norms of interstate relations, i.e. respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States, non-interference in the internal affairs of other State; non-aggression and peaceful settlement of disputes. Pakistan has therefore always sought to develop friendly and cordial relations with all countries of the world'. [12]

M A Jinnah's Vision

On 15 August 1947, outlining the foreign policy of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam observed:

"Our objective should be peace within and peace without. We want to live peacefully and maintain cordial and friendly relations with our immediate neighbours and with (the) world at large. We have no aggressive designs against any one. We stand by the United Nations Charter and will gladly make our contribution to the peace and prosperity of the world." [13]

Pakistan's foreign policy is meant to formalize and define it's interactions with foreign nations and standardize interactions with organizations, corporations and individual citizens. $\frac{[14][15]}{}$ Backed by the semiagricultural and semi-industrialized economy. Pakistan is the 47th largest (nominal GDP, 2021) and 23rd largest (purchasing) economic power and 6th largest military in the world, with a defence budget of US\$11.4 billion (2018)^[16] 4.0% of its GDP (2018).^[17] The Foreign Minister of Pakistan is the official charged with state-to-state diplomacy, although the Prime minister maintains an ultimate authority over foreign policy. [14] The state foreign policy includes defining the national interest, as well as the economic interest and strategies chosen both to safeguard that and to achieve its policy goals. [14][12] Following the general election held in May 2013, Tariq Fatimi and NSA Sartaj Aziz were designated as advisers to the Prime Minister on foreign and strategic policies. [18] After the dismissal of Nawaz Sharif's government in July 2017, Khawaja Muhammad Asif held the portfolio of foreign minister under the premiership of Shahid Khaqan Abbasi. [19][20] After the victory of Imran Khan Niazi in the Pakistan General Elections 2018, Shah Mehmood Qureshi was named the Minister of Foreign Affairs. [21] After the fall of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (حركة الإنصاف) -led coalition government in 2022, [22] there was much speculation as to who would be the next foreign minister. It ultimately became clear that Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, chairman of the Pakistan People's Party (the second largest member of the newly formed coalition government), would serve as foreign minister-a position previously held by his grandfather, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and an alleged affair partner of his. Hina Rabbani Khar. [23]

Historical overview

In 1947, <u>Muhammad Ali Jinnah</u>, founder of the state of Pakistan, clearly described the principles and objectives of Pakistan's foreign policy in a broadcast message, which is featured prominently in a quotation on the homepage of Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: "The foundation of our foreign policy is friendship with all nations across the globe." [24]

Since its independence in 1947, Pakistan's foreign policy has encompassed difficult relations with the neighbouring Soviet Union (USSR) who maintained a close military and ideological interaction with the neighbouring countries such as Afghanistan (in the West) and India (in East). During most of 1947–1991, the USSR support was given to Republic of India, over which it has fought three wars on Kashmir conflict. During the 1960s, Pakistan's relations with and neighbouring Afghanistan have also been extremely difficult due to the latter's contest over the Durand Line. Saudi Arabia Saudi Arabia and China Interests over the Durand Line. Saudi Arabia S

In recent years, Pakistan's ties with Russia have moved away from Cold War-era hostilities, and the chill in the relations between Pakistan and the U.S. has further pushed the country towards Russia and China. [39][40]

Pakistan-China relations

China has played a significant role in the development, economy and security of Pakistan, with relationship beginning in 1950 when Pakistan was among the first countries to enter into official diplomatic relations with the Republic of China (on Taiwan Island) and recognizes the People's Republic of China (PRC) on Mainland China as the sole representative. Since then, both countries have placed considerable importance on the maintenance of an extremely close and supportive special relationship [41][42] and the two countries have regularly exchanged high-level visits resulting in a variety of agreements. The PRC has provided economic, military, and technical assistance to Pakistan, and each country considers the other a close strategic ally. [43][44] Since the advent of the 21st century, Pakistan and China have strengthened their relations through bilateral trade, military agreements and supporting each other on key issues. The intensifying US-China Strategic Rivalry has put Pakistan in an extremely difficult situation to maintain ties with both of these states. [45] Bilawal Bhutto Zardari accused UN Human Rights Office report on Xinjiang were "taken out of context", [46] and Pakistan supports China's activities for socio-economic development, harmony and peace, and stability. [47]

A cornerstone of the success of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). CPEC contains initiatives worth a total of \$62 billion, such as infrastructure, energy, economic zones, and the development of the Gwadar port. A Chinese spokesperson said in 2022 that "the bond of friendship and mutual assistance between the Chinese and Pakistani people is stronger than gold, and the two countries' iron-clad friendship is deeply rooted in the people and boasts strong vitality. [48]

Pakistan-United States relations

The United States has played an important role in the young history of Pakistan, being one of the first countries to recognize their independence on 14 August 1947. The relationship between the two countries went through varying levels of friendliness, but Pakistan consistently found themselves on the United States side of issues faced during the Cold War. Pakistan served as a geostrategic position for United States military bases during the Cold War since it bordered the Soviet Union and China. These positive relations would fall apart following successful cooperation in fighting the Soviet Union's influence in Central Asia and the subsequent fall of the Soviet Union.

In reaction to Pakistan's new nuclear capacity, the United States in 1992 passed the Pressler Amendment approving sanctions against Pakistan, [52] Relations would restrengthen following 9/11 with Pakistan's warm response following the tragedy. Aid was given to Pakistan for the first time again in 2002, and the 2000s saw an extension of this friendly relationship.

As the War on Terror continued to linger, the United States and Pakistan would disagree on strategies while also accusing each other of various things. This dynamic would reach a head following a few incidents highlighted by the operation to kill Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad. While these incidents wore down the trust between the two nations, the two would continue to share a healthy relationship. Although the two countries do not view each other favorably in polls, the two governments share an important relationship featuring multiple types of aid to Pakistan, important military cooperation and collaboration, and a strategic ally in Central Asia for the United States The United States and Pakistan's relationship persists of promoting trade and regional economic cooperation, this type of relationship is beneficial for both countries and gives incentive for continuing friendly relations. U.S. also has concerns regarding Pakistan include regional and global terrorism; Afghan stability; democratization and human rights protection; the ongoing Kashmir problem and Pakistan-India tensions; and economic development. Recently US stopped

military aid to Pakistan, which was about US\$2 billion per year. [56] America's deference to India reflects its importance to counter China's influence in Asia. This imposes a ceiling on cooperation with Pakistan, limiting it to the non-strategic domain. [45]

Muslim world

After Independence, Pakistan vigorously pursued bilateral relations with other Muslim countries^[57] and made a wholehearted bid for leadership of the Muslim world, or at least for leadership in achieving its unity. The Ali brothers had sought to project Pakistan as the natural leader of the Islamic world, in large part due to its large manpower and military strength. A top-ranking Muslim League leader, Khaliquzzaman, declared that Pakistan would bring together all Muslim countries into Islamistan — a pan-Islamic entity. Such developments (alongside Pakistan's creation) did not get American approval and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee voiced international opinion at the time by stating that he wished that India and Pakistan would re-unite. Since most of the Arab world was undergoing a nationalist awakening at the time, there was little attraction to Pakistan's Pan-Islamic aspirations. Some of the Arab countries saw the 'Islamistan' project as a Pakistani attempt to dominate other Muslim states.

Pakistan vigorously championed the right of self-determination for Muslims around the world. Pakistan's efforts for the independence movements of <u>Indonesia</u>, <u>Libya</u>, <u>Algeria</u>, <u>Tunisia</u>, <u>Egypt</u>, <u>Morocco</u>, <u>Somalia</u>, <u>Azerbaijan</u>, and <u>Eritrea</u> were significant and initially led to close ties between these countries and Pakistan. However, Pakistan also masterminded an attack on the Afghan city of <u>Jalalabad</u> during the <u>Afghan Civil War</u> to establish an Islamic government there. Pakistan had wished to foment an <u>'Islamic Revolution'</u> which would transcend national borders covering Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asia. [65]

On the other hand, Pakistan's relations with <u>Iran</u> have been strained at times due to sectarian tensions. <u>[66]</u> Iran and <u>Saudi Arabia</u> used Pakistan as a battleground for their proxy sectarian war and by the 1990s, Pakistan's support for the Sunni <u>Taliban</u> organization in Afghanistan became a problem for <u>Shia Iran</u> which opposed a <u>Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.</u> <u>[67]</u> Tensions between Iran and Pakistan intensified in 1998, when Iran accused Pakistan of war crimes as Pakistani warplanes bombarded Afghanistan's last Shia stronghold in support of the <u>Taliban.</u> <u>[68][69]</u>

Major alliances

In 1947 after gaining independence from the United Kingdom, Pakistan still had close ties with the country. The Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan also paid a historical and friendly state visit to the United States, and held meetings with President Harry Truman and the American military officials for the purpose of the military aid in 1951. Ideologically, Prime Minister Ali Khan was opposed to communism; and his government was struggling with issues concerning the matters of uplifting the national economy and protecting interests of national security. In 1954–56, the United States and Pakistan signed the Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement which saw the dispatching of the Military Assistance Advisory Group to provide military training to the Pakistan Armed Forces in 1955–56.

In 1955, Pakistan joined the CENTO and the SEATO alliances. [70] Also, in 1956, when Pakistan declared itself a republic, it continued as a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. In 1971, Pakistan withdrew itself from the two alliances in a vision of exercising an independent foreign policy. In 1964, Pakistan signed the Regional Cooperation for Development (RCD) Pact with Turkey and Iran, when all three countries were closely allied with the U.S., and as neighbours of the Soviet Union, wary of perceived Soviet expansionism. To this day, Pakistan has a close relationship with Turkey. RCD became defunct after the Iranian Revolution, and a Pakistani-Turkish initiative led to the founding of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) in 1985. In 1974, Pakistan became a critical entity in the militarization of the OIC and

has historically maintained friendly relations with all the Arab and Muslim countries under the banner of OIC. Pakistan rejoined the Commonwealth in 1989. In 2004, Pakistan became a <u>Major non-NATO ally</u> of the United States.

Pakistan was a member of the <u>Commonwealth</u> from 1947 to 1956 under the name '<u>Dominion of Pakistan</u>'. From 1956 to 1972, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan was a <u>republic in the Commonwealth of Nations</u>, when it withdrew in protest at the Commonwealth's support of <u>East Pakistan</u>'s secession and <u>Bangladesh</u>'s independence. In 1989, Pakistan rejoined, despite Pakistan's <u>suspension from the Commonwealth of Nations between 1999 and 2008. [71][72]</u>

At the Astana Summit on 9 June 2017, Pakistan became full members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

Major dissensions

Since 1947, Pakistan's relations have been difficult with neighbour India over regional issues. India and Pakistan have fought three conventional wars throughout the 20th century over the issue of Kashmir. There have been attempts to unite the countries but since 1940, Muhammad Ali Jinnah and his Muslim League had demanded an independent Pakistan, whose Muslims would have their own government rather than remaining subordinate to India's Hindu majority. There are many sources of tension between the two countries but the issues over terrorism, size disparities and three geostrategic issues: Kashmir, water, and the Siachen Glacier, are the major ones resulting in the attenuated volume of trade and trust deficit. The continuing dispute over the status of Kashmir inflames opinions in both nations and makes friendly relations difficult. In the 1960s, the problems over the Durand Line escalated with Afghanistan which led to open hostilities in the 1970s. Pakistan is also a member of the Coffee Club to oppose Indian membership in the United Nations Security Council. Former Prime Minister Imran Khan had named senior U.S. diplomat Donald Lu as the person who was allegedly involved in the "foreign conspiracy" to topple his government through a no-confidence vote tabled by the Opposition. The U.S. has repeatedly dismissed Khan's allegations.

Relations by country

Africa

Country	Formal relations began	Notes
<u>Algeria</u>		There are friendly foreign relations between Algeria and Pakistan. Pakistan supported the cause of Algeria's independence from France.
Angola	20 October 1977	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 20 October 1977 ^[76]
Benin	10 December 1963	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 10 December 1963 when the Pakistan Government has decided to concurrently accredit M. S. Shaikh, High Commissioner for Pakistan in Nigeria, as the country's ambassador to Dahomey. [77]
Botswana Cana Varda	20 August 1986	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 20 August 1986 when Mr. Tayyab Siddiqui, the Pakistan Ambassador to Zimbabwe, presented his credentials to President of Botswana Dr. Quet Masire. [78] Botswana has diplomatic relations with Pakistan which is covered by the Botswanan Embassy in Beijing, China and an embassy located in Islamabad within the Republic of Yemen. [80] Pakistan's embassy in Botswana is located in Sana'a, Yemen [80] Trade between the 2 nations in 2001/02 accounted for \$20 million [80] Mehru Khan of Pakistan and Botswana was crowned Miss NRI Global 2005 winner at an international pageant. [81][82]
Cape Verde Central African Republic	1987	Pakistani troops were deployed by the UN's Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) to CAR in 2014, as a peacekeeping force. [84][85]
Comoros	19 October 1983	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 19 October 1983. ^[86]
Democratic Republic of the Congo		Pakistan embassy in Zimbabwe is also accredited to Congo. Pakistan maintains an honorary consulate in Kinshasa. [87] Pakistan also has up to 3500 troops in Congo under United Nations Operation in Congo [88]
Djibouti	27 June 1977	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 27 June 1977 ^[89]

Egypt	20 October 1947	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 20 October 1947 when the Egyptian Government has agreed to the establishment of a Pakistan Embassy in Cairo and to the appointment Mr. J. A. Rahim as Chargé d'Affaires. [90] Pakistan and Egypt (Misr), both being Muslim countries, share cordial relations. Both are also members of the OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation), as well as "the next
		eleven" and " <u>D8</u> ". After the foundation of Pakistan, it has established diplomatic and trade relations with Egypt.
Equatorial Guinea	9 October 1990	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 9 October 1990 when Ambassador of Pakistan M. Shahid Amin has presented his credentials to President of Equatorial Guinea Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo. [91]
Eritrea	1 December 1993	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 1 December 1993 ^[92] Eritrea maintains an embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. ^[93]
Ethiopia Ethiopia	28 December 1957	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 28 December 1957 ^[94] Ethiopia has an embassy in Islamabad. Pakistan has an embassy in Addis Ababa.
Kenya	31 January 1964	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 31 January 1964 when Mr. K.K.Panni, High Commissioner of Pakistan to Kenya presented his credentials. [95] Relations between Pakistan and Kenya were first historically established in the 1960s, when Pakistan expressed its support for Kenya in getting independence from British rule. Ever since from that time, relations between the two nations have been warm, with both countries having had discussed previously in the Pakistan-Kenya Joint Ministerial Commission session which was hosted in Nairobi in 2004, about boosting bilateral trade and economic relations. [96]
Lesotho	4 July 1984	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 4 July 1984 ^[97] Pakistan and Lesotho maintain honorary consulates in each other's country.
Libya	16 July 1952	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 16 July 1952. [98] Pakistan and Libya have maintained a diplomatic relationship since 1977. [99] The relationship has been mostly cordial and Libya has provided aid to Pakistan, which in turn renamed the Karachi Football Stadium "the Muammar al Qaddafi Stadium". [99]

<u>Madagascar</u>		Pakistan maintains an honorary consulate in Madagascar. ^[100]
Malawi		Pakistan maintains an honorary consulate in Malawi. The Pakistani embassy in Zimbabwe is also accredited to Malawi. [101]
Mauritius		Pakistan has a High Commission in <u>Port Louis</u> and Mauritius has a High Commission in <u>Islamabad</u> . The two countries are progressing the finalisation of a <u>Free Trade Agreement</u> . [102][103]
Morocco	19 August 1957	Pakistan had a pivotal role in the plea for independence for Morocco; in 1952, Moroccan delegate Ahmed Bulferg attempted to address the UN security council and was shut down by the French. Pakistani Foreign Minister Sir Zafaullah Khan arranged for Bulferg to receive a Pakistani nationality, and the latter was then able to address the UN in favor of Morocco's independence. Currently the two countries maintain a robust economic and diplomatic relationship, with collaborations in agriculture, import/export, mining, tourism, and more. [106][107]
<u>Mozambique</u>	9 August 1975	Pakistan maintain cordial relations with Mozambique. [109] In 1976, on the eve of independence of Mozambique, technical support of Pakistani pilots, engineers and maintenance persons were despatched to Mozambique for making their helicopters airworthy and training of their pilots/ technicians. [110] Pakistan also gave nationality to many Muslim Indians in Mozambique after 1961 Indian annexation of Goa. [111]
Niger	15 October 1965	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 October 1965 ^[112] Pakistan has an embassy in Niamey, although Niger does not maintain a permanent embassy in Islamabad. [114]

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Zambia	Zambia maintains a General Honorary Consulate in Islamabad, whereas Pakistan's embassy in Zimbabwe is also accredited to Zambia. [101] In February 2008 an 11-member Pakistan Trade Delegation visited Lusaka for exploring bilateral trade cooperation.
Zimbabwe	Pakistan is represented in Zimbabwe by an embassy in Harare. The Pakistani government has pledged to always "stand by Zimbabwe in its challenging times and continue to render assistance in every way possible in an effort to cement the already cordial relations between the two countries. Pakistan has also helped in structuring Zimbabwe's Armed Forces, The First Head of Zimbabwe Air Force was also a Pakistan Air Force Officer Air Marshal Azim Daudpoto who served as a Commander of the Air Force of Zimbabwe from July 1983 to January 1986."

Americas

Country	Formal relations began	Notes
Antigua and Barbuda	23 September 2016	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 23 September 2016. [132]
Argentina	15 October 1951	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 October 1951. [133] In 2002, the countries signed an agreement to boost their trade relations. [134] A memorandum of Understanding with the National Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences of Argentina and the Pakistan Academy of Sciences was signed in 2008 [135] he two states signed another memorandum of understanding on cooperation in sanitary and phyto-sanitary issues in relation to trade ties between the Ministry of National Food Security and Research of Pakistan and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Argentina. [136]
Belize	21 October 2015	 Both countries established diplomatic relations on 21 October 2015. [137] Both countries are member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

⊗ Brazil	1948	Diplomatic relationship between Brazil and Pakistan commenced in 1948. [138] Trade Relations between Brazil and Pakistan were established in 1982.
		Brazil was the first nation in South America to recognize Pakistan, in 1948, and to establish an Embassy in Pakistan's former capital Karachi [139][138] The two states cooperate in fields like defense, education, and import/export, despite some objection from India.[140][141]
I↓ • Canada	May 1949	Pakistan is represented through its High Commission in Ottawa and consulates in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. Canada is represented through its High Commission in Islamabad and consulate in Karachi. The value of the bilateral trade relationship between Pakistan and Canada was close to C\$694 million (approximately US\$701 million) in 2007. There are also extensive people to people links between Canada and Pakistan with an estimated 22,000 Pakistanis living in Canada.
Chile	5 February 1949	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 5 February 1949.[144]
Colombia	19 June 1970	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 19 June 1970. ^[145]
Costa Rica	9 November 1973	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 9 November 1973. [146]
Cuba	28 October 1955	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 28 October 1955 ^[147]
		Relations between the two countries strengthened after Cuba provided humanitarian assistance to the victims of the 2005 Kashmir earthquake. [148][149] In 2008, the Pakistani cabinet authorized negotiations for the establishment of a Joint Economic Commission, that was finalized in 2009. [150][151] Both nations continue to strengthen the bilateral relations especially in the fields of higher education, agriculture, industry and science and technology and have also held talks for military cooperation. [148]
Dominican Republic	18 November 2023	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 18 November 2023. [152]
Ecuador	23 July 1979	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 23 July 1979. [153]
El Salvador	5 February 1979	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 5 February 1979. [154]
Guatemala	14 October 2011	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 14 October 2011 ^[155]
Suyana	10 November 1967	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 10 November 1967. [156]
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		Guyana along with Suriname is one of the only 2 member states of the OIC in the Americas. Pakistan maintains an honorary consulate in Guyana. The Muslims of Guyana provided moral support for the Independence of Pakistan. Many of the Muslims from British Guiana even took Pakistani citizenship after the Independence of Pakistan in 1947 and migrated to Pakistan.
- Haiti	10 January 2014	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 10 January 2014 when Ambassador of Pakistan M. Qazi M. Khalilullah has presented his credentials to President of Haiti Michel Martelly. ^[159]
Honduras	14 January 2014	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 14 January 2014 when ambassador of Pakistan M. Qazi M. Khalilullah has presented his credentials to President of Honduras Porfirio Lobo. [160]
<u>Jamaica</u>	19 January 1963	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 19 January 1963. [161]
		Pakistan's ambassador to the USA is accredited as Pakistan's non-resident High Commissioner to Jamaica.[162]
■ • Mexico	19 January 1955	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 19 January 1955 $^{[163]}$ Pakistan maintains an embassy in Mexico City, $^{[164]}$ and Mexico is accredited to Pakistan from its embassy in Tehran. $^{[165]}$ Both countries are also working on Mechanism of Bilateral Consultations on Issues of Mutual Interest for Mexico and Pakistan. $^{[166]}$
Nicaragua	7 September 1976	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 7 September 1976. [167]
Panama Panama	7 November 1967	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 7 November 1967. [168]
Paraguay	23 October 1967	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 23 October 1967. $\frac{[169]}{}$
		Pakistan maintains an embassy in <u>Argentina</u> which is accredited to <u>Paraguay</u> and a consulate in <u>Asuncion</u> . [170] <u>Paraguay</u> maintains an embassy in <u>Egypt</u> accredited to <u>Pakistan</u> and an honorary consulate in <u>Islamabad</u> . [171] <u>Government ministers met in 2005 to explore potential trade opportunities</u> . [172] <u>Bilateral trade in 2010 totaled US\$2.4 million per year and growing yearly</u> . [173] <u>Pakistan exports carpets</u> , and has one of the most feared militaries in the world also g side with surgical instruments to Paraguay, whereas Paraguay exports pharmaceuticals [174]

Peru	1 September 1974	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 1 September 1974. [175]
Suriname	25 April 1977	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 25 April 1977. [176] Pakistan and Suriname both maintain friendly and cooperative relations. [177] Many of Suriname Hindustani Muslim speak Urdu, and maintain cultural link in Pakistan. Surinamese Islamic Association maintains its umberalla headquarters in Islamabad, Pakistan [178]
Trinidad and Tobago	1963	Pakistan maintain a consulate general in North Trinidad. [179] Trinidad is also home to a sizeable number of South Asian Muslims who draw links with Pakistan. During the 2010 Pakistan floods, Trinidad Congress of the People party donated US\$33,000 worth of aid to Pakistan flood victims. [180]
United States of America	15 August 1947	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 August 1947 ^[181]
<u>Uruguay</u>	1964	Pakistan has an honorary consulate in Montevideo. [182] As of 2014 the Pakistani ambassador to Argentina, Imtiaz Ahmad was accredited to Uruguay. [183][184] In 2006 a commercial agreement was celebrated between Pakistan and Mercosur (a trade bloc of which Uruguay is part). [185] There is a Pakistan-Uruguay Chamber of Commerce. [186]
Venezuela	15 April 1964	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 April 1964 ^[187]

Asia

Country	Formal relations began	Notes
Afghanistan	29 February 1948	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 29 February 1948. [188]
Azerbaijan	9 June 1992	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 9 June 1992 ^[189] Pakistan recognized independence of <u>Azerbaijan</u> 1991 (the second country after <u>Turkey</u>) and the two countries established full diplomatic relations in 1992. Pakistan was one of the first countries to open its embassy in <u>Baku</u> .
<u>Bahrain</u>	14 October 1971	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 14 October 1971. [190]

		Islamabad and Manama enjoy close co-operations between the two in many fields of brotherhood. Joint initiatives between Bahraini and Pakistani governments have started to further bilateral trades that reached \$250 million in 2007. Pakistan Army also maintains an Infantry Battalion and a Squadron of Tanks in Bahrain
Bangladesh	3 October 1975	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 3 October 1975. [191] Relations between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the People's Republic of Bangladesh are influenced by the fact that Bangladesh was a part of Pakistan until 1971, when it achieved independence after the Bangladesh Liberation War and the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971. As part of Shimla Agreement, India sought to make sure that Pakistan would take steps to recognize Bangladesh. Pakistan established full diplomatic relations with Bangladesh on 18 January 1976, and relations improved in the following decades.
<u></u> Bhutan	15 December 1988	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 December 1988. [192] Both countries are member of <u>SAARC</u> . Trade and bilateral relationship between the two countries can be largely regarded as being insignificant, and the diplomatic relationship as being largely symbolic.
Brunei	9 February 1984	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 9 February 1984. Diplomatic relationship between Pakistan and Brunei are very warm and friendly, this is primarily because both are Muslim countries and member of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. Pakistan maintains a High Commission in Brunei, and Brunei has a High Commission in Islamabad, Pakistan. To further foster ties between the 2 countries, Brunei-Pakistan Friendship Association (BPFA) was created in 2008.
Cambodia	18 January 1957	Pakistan has an embassy in <u>Phnom Penh</u> although Cambodia does not have an embassy in Pakistan.
China	21 May 1951 ^[196]	Diplomatic relations between Pakistan and the People's Republic of China (PRC) were established on 21 May 1951, shortly after the retreat of the Republic Of China in 1949. While initially ambivalent towards the idea of a Communist country on its borders, Pakistan hoped that the PRC would serve as a counterweight to Indian influence. India had recognised the PRC a year before, and Indian Prime Minister Nehru also hoped for closer relations between India and the PRC. However, with escalating border tensions leading to the

		1962 Sino-Indian war, the PRC and Pakistan formed an alliance. One year after the PRCs border war with India, Pakistan ceded the <u>Trans-Karakoram Tract</u> to the PRC in order to convince the <u>PRC Authorities</u> to be friendly towards Pakistan.
India	15 August 1947	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 August 1947 when has been appointed first Pakistan's High Commissioner to India Mr. Zahid Hussain. [198]
		Relations between India and Pakistan have been strained by a number of historical and political issues, and are defined by the violent partition of British India in 1947, the Kashmir dispute and the numerous military conflicts fought between the two nations. Consequently, even though the two South Asian nations share historic, cultural, geographic, and economic links, their relationship has been plagued by hostility and suspicion.
		India and Pakistan have fought in numerous armed conflicts since their independence. There are three major wars that have taken place between the two states, namely in 1947, 1965 and the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. In addition to this was the unofficial Kargil War and some border skirmishes.
		Both India and Pakistan are member states of the Commonwealth of Nations.
Indonesia	1949 ^[199]	Indonesia has its embassy in Islamabad ^[200] and a consulate in Karachi and Pakistan has its embassy in Jakarta ^[201] and a consulate in Medan. Bilateral trade between the two countries is US\$800 million but they hope to increase this to US\$2 billion. Both nations are members of the Developing 8 and Next Eleven countries.
Iran	23 August 1947	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 23 August 1947 when Pakistan and Iran have agreed to exchange diplomatic representatives. [204]
Iraq	1947	3. 4
Israel	No formal diplomatic relations	
• Japan	28 April 1952	Tokyo and Islamabad have had healthy relations with each other since the foundation of their diplomacy in 1952. Japan has been part of funding the country with machines to access ground water, as well as aid for improving its sewer and drainage systems. [205][206] Other major projects funded by the Japanese government include the Indus Highway Project, a number of power projects in various provinces of Pakistan,

		Rural Roads Construction Project and the Children Hospi PIMS Islamabad Project. Presently the Kohat Tunr Project and the Ghazi Brotha Dam Project are bei completed with the help of the Japanese private a government contractors. [208][209]
Jordan	29 December 1947	Both countries established diplomatic relations on December 1947 when Mr. Mohammad Pasha El Shurai Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary Transjordan to Pakistan, presented his credentials. [210] There are close relations between Jordan and Pakista Princess Sarvath wife of Prince Hassan is originally Pakistani. At the international level Pakistan and Jordan has similar views such as the Israel/Palestine issue.
Kazakhstan	24 February 1992	Relations between the two countries began when Pakist recognized Kazakhstan on 20 December 1991. On February 1992, diplomatic and consular relations we established during an official visit by Kazakhstani preside Nursultan Nazarbayev to Pakistan. [211] Kazakhstan is emerging market for Pakistani goods. [212]
North Korea	9 November 1972	
South Korea	7 November 1983 ^[213]	
Kuwait	21 July 1963	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 21 July 1963 when Kuwait opens Embassy in Islamabad. [214] After the end of the first Gulf War in 1991 Pakistani arr engineers were involved in a programme of mine clearance the country. [215] Kuwait was also the first country to send a to isolated mountain villages in Kashmir after the quake 2005, [216] also offering the largest amount of aid in taftermath of the quake, US\$100 million. [217]
Kyrgyzstan	10 May 1992	Pakistan extended diplomatic recognition to the Kyrg Republic on 20 December 1991. A Protocol for t establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan a Kyrgyzstan was signed on 10 May 1992.
	15 July 1055	
Laos	15 July 1955	

		Lebanon and Pakistan have good relations. Pakistan has als been a steadfast supporter of Lebanon particularly when was invaded by Israel. Additionally, Pakistan has extende moral, diplomatic and material support to Lebanon an refuses to recognize Israel officially, as a legitimate country i solidarity with the Palestinian, Lebanese and other Middl Eastern countries.
<u>Malaysia</u>	1957	Pakistan has its High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, an Malaysia has its High Commission in Islamabad. Pakista has brotherly relations with Malaysia. Both are members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Commonwealth of Nations. There is a trade and cultural packbetween the two countries, under which the import and expoof various goods is done on fairly large scale. Both countries enjoy close relations and links of mutual friendship and the cooperation has further strengthened.
Maldives Maldives	26 July 1966	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 26 July 1966. [219] The Maldives and Pakistan are culturally very close in sharing a Sunni majority. Islamabad supports the Maldivian position if the territorial dispute over the southern Indian colony of Minicoy Island in the Lakshadweep, whose population in Muslim by faith. Both the Maldives and Pakistan are member states of the Commonwealth of Nations.
Mongolia Mongolia	6 July 1962	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 6 Jul 1962. [220] Pakistan and Mongolia maintain cordinal diplomat relationship. [221]
<mark>★ Myanmar</mark>	1 August 1947	Pakistan has an embassy in Yangon, [223] and Burma has a embassy in Islamabad. [224] In January 2012, President Asif A Zardari paid a state visit to Yangon, Burma where he managed and San Suu Kyi and conferred her the "Shaheed Benaz Bhutto Award for Democracy" for her long struggle for democracy. Zardari's children were also present in the ceremony. [225]
<u>Nepal</u>	20 March 1960	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 20 March 1960 ^[226] Despite an extensive 1982 trade agreement, the volume of bilateral trade remains comparatively small at US\$4 million. Pakistan's total exports to Nepal are work

		US\$1.631 million while Nepal's exports to Pakistan tally US\$3.166 million. Both countries have recently stepped up efforts to promote bilateral trade, especially in textiles, oilseeds, extraction of oil and tourism; Pakistan also offered a US\$5 million line of credit to Nepal. [228][229][230] Nepal and Pakistan are signatories to the South Asia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) and members of the South Asian Economic Union.
Oman	15 October 1971	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 October 1971, when Pakistani Consulate-General in Muscat upgraded to Embassy ^[231] The relationship between Muscat and Islamabad is warm, because it is the nearest Arab country to Pakistan and the fact that some 30% of Omani's are of Balochi origin from Pakistan's Balochistan province having settled Oman over a hundred years ago. In 1958 Gwadar was part of Oman but was transferred to Pakistan in that year.
Palestine		Pakistan fully supports the proposal of the creation of an independent Palestinian state. Due to Pakistan's pro-Palestinian stance, bilateral relations between Pakistan and Israel have continuously wavered over the last few years. Pakistan has also declined to recognise the state of Israel until the "liberation of Palestine" will take place. [232]
Philippines	8 September 1949	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 8 September 1949. [233]
Qatar	16 December 1972	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 16 December 1972. [234]
Saudi Arabia	25 May 1949	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 25 May 1949 when decide to exchange diplomatic missions at Legation level. [235] Saudi Arabia has also provided extensive religious and educational aid to Pakistan. Saudi Arabia remains a major destination for immigration amongst Pakistanis, the number of whom living in Saudi Arabia stands between 900,000 and 1 million. Saudi Arabia is the largest source of petroleum for Pakistan. [236] It also supplies extensive financial aid to Pakistan and remittance from Pakistani migrants to Saudi Arabia is also a major source of foreign currency. [237]
Singapore	17 August 1966 ^[238]	
Sri Lanka	May 1948	

		Sri Lanka's ties with Pakistan have always been good, ever since Pakistan established its small mission in then-Ceylon (later Sri Lanka) in circa 1948–1949. Since then, these relations have gradually developed into very close and cordial ties. Pakistan has been supplying military equipment to the Sri Lanka Armed Forces since 1999. Pakistan has pledged since 2009 to assist in military training and intelligence to form a joint terror fighting force for their two countries. There is a Pakistani High Commission located in Sri Lanka and a Sri Lankan High Commission situated in Pakistan. [240][241]
Syria	1948	Both countries were on the <u>silk route</u> through which civilizational exchanges took place for centuries, Islamic missionaries that introduced <u>Islam</u> after 711 AD were from <u>Syria</u> . During the <u>Yom Kippur War</u> of 1973 (usually referred to as the Ramadan war in Pakistan) several Pakistani pilots assisted the Syrian air force. [242] In 2005 Syria and Pakistan agreed on mutual cooperation in the fields of science and technology. [243]
Taiwan	14 August 1947 – 4 January 1950	
Tajikistan	6 June 1992	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 6 June 1992. [244] The Islamic Republic of Pakistan, established diplomatic relationship with the Republic of Tajikistan in 1992, but cooperation between these two countries started from 1991. Geographically Tajikistan is the nearest Central Asian State to Pakistan – fourteen kilometres between two countries. Many Tajiks have immigrated to Pakistan, notably in the city of Ishkoman where they have integrated into the local population.
Thailand	10 October 1951	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 10 October 1951. [245] Establishing cordial relationships started in 1951, and since has grown into a close diplomacy as trade value between the two nations has grown over US\$1 billion. Pakistani universities account for 600 students from Thailand. Thailand enjoyed in 2013 over seventy five thousand tourists from Pakistan. Overall, relations are warm and social and economic exchanges are well developed and continuing to grow. [246]
Turkey	November 1947 ^[247]	 Pakistan has an embassy in Ankara and a Consulate General in Istanbul. Turkey has an embassy in Islamabad^[248] and Consulates General in Karachi^[249] and Lahore. ^[250] Both countries are members of Asia Cooperation Dialogue, Economic Cooperation Organization, OIC and WTO. Trade volume between the two countries was US\$856 million in 2019 (Pakistan's exports/imports: 306/550 million USD). ^[251]

		Yunus Emre Institute has a local headquarters in Karachi and Lahore.
Turkmenistan	9 May 1992	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 9 May 1992. [252]
Tunkmenistar		Pakistan was one of the first countries to recognize Turkmenistan as an independent country in December 1991. Exchange of high-level visits during the last 10 years give credence to the fact that Pakistan and Turkmenistan have laid foundation of mutually beneficial relations, friendship and understanding. The two countries have signed 21 Agreements and Memoranda of understanding in the fields of oil and gas, transport, energy, trade, science and culture.
United Arab Emirates	13 January 1972	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 13 January 1972 ^[253]
		Pakistan was the first country to accord formal recognition to <u>UAE</u> on its achieving independence. Bilateral relations and mutually beneficial cooperation have progressed steadily ever since. These relations date back to the UAE's formation in 1971, and have since evolved into wide-ranging co-operation in various fields. UAE has been a major donor of economic assistance to Pakistan.
Uzbekistan	10 May 1992	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 10 May 1992. [254]
		Relations between the two states were established when the republic of Uzbekistan became independent following the collapse of the USSR, the relations between the two countries were initially strained by the situation in <u>Afghanistan</u> which both countries border as they supported different factions Afghan factions. [255]
		However relations improved after the fall of the Taliban, both countries seeking to improve relations for the sake of trade, Pakistan wishing to gain access to Central Asian markets and landlocked Uzbekistan to access ports on the Indian Ocean.
★ Vietnam	8 November 1972	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 8 November 1972. [256]

Europe

Country	Formal relations began	Notes
Albania	27 July 1965	Pakistan's diplomatic relations with Albania are very cordial given that Albania is the, and only European country with OIC membership. [129] In Dec 2006, Albanian Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Anton Gurakqui visited Pakistan to hold bilateral consultation with Pakistani political leadership.

		Pakistan also offers training facilities to young Albanian bureaucrats in the field of banking, finance, management and diplomacy. [257]
Andorra	22 July 2003	The Pakistani embassy in Spain is accredited to Andorra. [258]
Armenia		 Diplomatic relations have not been established as Pakistan is the only country in the world which does not recognize Armenia.
<u>Austria</u>	1954	Relations between the two countries are generally friendly The diplomatic ties between Pakistan and Austria were established in 1954 when Pakistan formally recognized Austria. [259]
Belgium	20 February 1948	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 20 February 1948. [260]
Bosnia and Herzegovina	16 November 1994	Both nations share close relations on the grounds of religion and politics. Pakistan was a staunch supporter of Bosnia during the civil war. Pakistan sent in UN Peacekeeping forces to the former Yugoslavia during the Yugoslav wars. Pakistan and Bosnia have a free trade agreement.
Belarus	3 February 1994	Belarus' Minsk Tractor Works has played a key role in supplying tractor to Pakistan ^[261] and establishing the tractor assembly plant in Pakistan. Belarus and Pakistan have also signed agreements on trade-economic cooperation and investments protection. Pakistan ambassador to Russia is accredited as a non-residential ambassador to Belarus; however, Belarus maintains are embassy in Islamabad since 2014. In May 2007, Pakistan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Makhdum Khusra Bakhtyar made an official visit to Belarus and meet with high-ranking government officials of Belarus.
Bulgaria	15 June 1965	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 June 1965 ^[265]
<u>Croatia</u>	20 July 1994	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 20 Jul 1994 ^[266]
		Pakistan maintains an honorary consulate in <u>Zagreb</u> . [267]
Czech Republic	27 September 1950	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 27 September 1950 ^[268]
Denmark	13 October	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 13 October 1949. [269]

<u>Estonia</u>	20 September 1993 ^[270]	
 Finland	12 January 1951	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 12 January 1951. [271]
France	2 December 1947	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 2 December 1947 ^[272]
		Pakistan and France have high levels of diplomation meetings and are in good terms with one another. However these good relations haven't been around very long. Trade between Pakistan and France is increasing and France had donated large funds to help Pakistan with its economic problems.
# Georgia	12 May 1994	Pakistan ambassador to <u>Azerbaijan</u> is accredited to be the non-residential ambassador to <u>Georgia</u> . [273]
Germany	15 October 1951	Germany and Pakistan enjoy closely cordial relations Germany has taken large measures to aid the South Asia country in its economic and governmental hardship Commercial trade between Berlin and Islamabad has also been very essential in recent years seeing as Germany in Pakistan's fourth largest trade partner. Also, Germany in home to 35,081 Pakistani immigrants. Overall, the two nations have almost always had a friendly bond.
Greece		In modern times, Pakistan's first embassy in Athens wa opened in 1975. Greece established an embassy i Islamabad in 1987. There are around 32,500 Pakistan people living and working in Greece.
* Holy See	6 October 1951	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 6 October 1951 ^[274]
Hungary	26 November 1965	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 26 November 1965 ^[275] Since 1970, Hungary has an embassy in <u>Islamabad</u> and a honorary consulate in <u>Karachi</u> . [276] Pakistan has a embassy in <u>Budapest</u> [277]
 Iceland	1976	Pakistan maintain cordinal diplomatic relations wind local l
■ Ireland		Ireland is represented in Pakistan through its embassy in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) and an honorary consulate in Karachi. Pakistan has an embassy in Dublin. Pakistan continue to support the idea of unification of Norther

		Ireland to the Republic of Ireland which remains part of the United Kingdom after the Republic of Ireland left the Commonwealth of Nations.
■ Italy	7 April 1948	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 7 April 1948. [279] Both nations have established respective embassies in Pakistan and Italy. [280] [281] Italy has offered assistance in Pakistan's private sector in extending credit lines to finance technologies in machinery for manufacturing. [282] Additionally, Italy has given Pakistan the opportunity to be financed the equivalent of US\$100 million to advance over fifty development projects in the nation, such as assisting acid attack victims in Punjab. [283] Italy has shown interest in expanding energy and pharmaceutical businesses to the expansive market in Pakistan. There is even an Italian government desire for the implementation of an Italian Chamber of Commerce in the Pakistani economic sphere. [284]
Latvia	29 April 1996	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 29 April 1996 ^[285]
		Latvia maintains an honorary consul in Karachi. [283] Whereas the Pakistani ambassador to Sweden is accredited as a non-residential ambassador to Latvia. [286] There is also a growing number of Pakistanis (mostly university students) living in $\underline{\text{Riga}}$.
Liechtenstein		The Pakistani ambassador to Switzerland is accredited as a non-residential ambassador to Liechtenstein. Pakistan diplomatic relations with Liechtenstein is important, despite the small size of Liechtenstein, as Liechtenstein is member of European Free Trade Association, with which Pakistan is seeking Free Trade Agreement. [288]
<u>Lithuania</u>	31 May 1994	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 31 May 1994 ^[289] Pakistan maintains friendly diplomatic relations with Lithuania. [290]
Luxembourg	22 November 1956	Pakistan maintains cordial diplomatic relations with the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Pakistan also maintains an honorary consulate in Luxembourg. [292]
Malta Malta	January 1966	
Moldova	16 February 1992	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 16 February 1992. [293] The Pakistani ambassador to Romania is accredited as a non-residential ambassador to Moldova. [294]
<u>Monaco</u>	24 February 2009	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 24 February 2009 ^[295]
Montenegro	23 October 2006	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 23 October 2006 ^[296]
Netherlands	1948	
North Macedonia	12 August 1993	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 12 August 1993 ^[297]
Norway	18 December 1948	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 18 December 1948. [298]

		Norway and Pakistan have strengthened ties. Norway has an embassy in Islamabad and an honorary consulate in Lahore, whereas Pakistan has an embassy in Oslo.
Portugal	26 September 1949	Relationships between Portugal and Pakistan have turned cordial since 2015. The two nations recognize a potential growth in trade and social exchanges. In order to start economic relations in the right direction, investment policy and opportunities for Portuguese companies are now present. [299]
Romania	15 October 1964	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 October 1964 ^[300] Pakistan has an embassy in <u>Bucharest</u> and an honorary consulate in <u>Iaşi</u> . ^[301] Romania has an embassy in <u>Islamabad</u> and an honorary consulate in <u>Lahore</u> . ^[302]
Russia	1 May 1948 ^[303]	Relations between these two countries have been strained in the past, because of Pakistan's close ties to America and its support for the Afghan rebels during the invasion by the USSR. However, the relations became cordinal in recent years and the Russian Army has been training in Pakistan. [304]
San Marino	12 April 2006	Pakistan established diplomatic relations with San Marino on 12 April 2006. The Pakistani ambassador to Italy is accredited as a non-residential ambassador to San Marino.[305]
<u>Serbia</u>	15 May 1948	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 May 1948. [306] Since July 2001, Pakistan has an embassy in Belgrade. [307] Serbia has now closed its embassy in Pakistan after 2001 due to financial or reciprocal reasons because Pakistan's role in the desire for Sanjak's merger with their brethren of Bosnia and Herzegovina and is now represented in Pakistan through its embassy in Beijing (China). [308] However, there is a bone of contention between the two, because of the latter's close relations with, India. [309]
Slovakia	1 January 1993	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 1 January 1993 ^[310] The Pakistani ambassador to Austria is accredited be the non-residential ambassador to Slovakia. Relations between Pakistan and the Slovak Republic are cordial and friendly. The two countries have agreements on cultural cooperation and visa abolition (for diplomatic/official passport holders).

		Some well known Slovak companies like Matador and Mediprogress are active in Pakistan through their agents. [311]
Spain	2 September 1951	
Switzerland	1 February 1949	
Sweden	1949	
<u>Ukraine</u>	16 March 1992	Pakistan recognized Ukraine's independence in 1991. Pakistan has an embassy in <u>Kyiv</u> . [312] Ukraine has an embassy in <u>Islamabad</u> . [313] Ukraine and Pakistan have been cooperating with each other in educational sector as well as cultural exchanges. Pakistan and Ukraine are also heavily cooperating with each other in aerospace engineering, aerospace technologies, bio-medical sciences and science and technology.
United Kingdom	14 August 1947	Pakistan has been a member of the Commonwealth of Nations since independence in 1947. It was not a member of the British Commonwealth from 1972 until 1989, because of the Commonwealth's recognition of Bangladesh. It was readmitted to full membership of the Commonwealth in October 1989. It was suspended with the overthrow of the democratically elected government in 1999. Its full membership has been reinstated with the backing of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand for Pakistan's support in the War on Terrorism. Pakistan maintains diplomatic relations with all Commonwealth countries even though it does not have its own High Commission in each capital. The U.K. also has the biggest Pakistani community outside of Pakistan.

Oceania

Country	Formal relations began	Notes
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<u>Australia</u>	15 August 1947	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 15 August 1947 ^[314]
		Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf visited Australia in 2005 ^[315] and the former Prime Minister of Australia, John Howard, also having extended a visit to Pakistan in 2005 as well, following the 2005 Kashmir earthquake which had immensely targeted the northern areas of Pakistan. He also announced 500 new scholarships for students in Pakistan to study in Australia. ^[316]
≊ ∓ Fiji	8 March 1971	Pakistan and <u>Fiji</u> maintain formal diplomatic relationship, they have diplomatic missions in each other's countries. Pakistan used to designate their High Commissioner to Australia as a non-residential High Commissioner to Fiji. Many of Fiji's large <u>Muslim</u> population maintain family links with Pakistan. [318]
Kiribati	3 June 2021	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 3 June 2021. [319]
New Zealand	18 April 1951	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 18 April 1951. [320]
		Pakistan has a High Commission located in Wellington whilst New Zealand has a consulate-general in Karachi. New Zealand was party to the Commonwealth Heads of Government decision to readmit Pakistan to the Councils of the Commonwealth after the restoration of civilian rule in May 2008.
Palau	22 November 2021	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 22 November 2021. [321]
Samoa	7 March 1983	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 7 March 1983.[322]
Solomon Islands	19 February 2016	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 19 February 2016. [323]
Tonga		While Pakistan and Tonga maintain diplomatic relationship, they do not have diplomatic missions in each other's country. Pakistan exports to Tonga in 2007 was T\$11,655 (approximately US\$7,000). Pakistan also has bilateral visa-abolition scheme with Tonga, for all passport types of both the countries.
Vanuatu	26 April 2023	Both countries established diplomatic relations on 26 April 2023. [326]

International organizations

Organization	Membership	Notes
Arab League	Non-member	

		Pakistan is not a member nor observer of the Arab Leage but the two entities share a strong relationship. Many of Arab League nations send soldiers to train in Pakistan prestigious military academies, and Pakistan frequently in contact and collaboration with many of the Arab Leagunations with Pakistani pilots having flown in the two Arab Israeli Wars. Pakistan has also lobbied for great representation of the Arab League within the United National Security Council.
ASEAN	Member	Pakistan is not a member of <u>ASEAN</u> , but frequently serves as a brid for the organization to communicate with Asian countries further in the west, with bilateral agreements between ASEAN and Pakistan. While links could still be stronger between Pakistan and the nations that compose ASEAN, both sides have expressed interest in further that relationship. [330]
		Commonwealth of Nations - Member - See <u>Pakistan and the</u> <u>Commonwealth of Nations</u>
European Union	Non-member	Pakistan and the EU share a strong economic bond that has been emphasized by both parties while sharing similar foreign policies. The two are engaged in serious trade, and frequently work together to enhance each other's economic capability. There have been multiple summits (http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cmsUpload/114922/df) Archived (https://web.archive.org/web/20170303051011/http://www.onsilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cmsUpload/114922.pdf) 3 March 2017 at the Wayback Machine and strategic dialogues (https://eeas.europa.eheadquarters/headquarters-homepage_en/11038/3rd%20EU-Pakistar 20Strategic%20Dialogue) between Pakistan and the EU to continue further than the relationship.
IMF	1950	Pakistan is a full member of the IMF, and has received monetary assistance from IMF multiple times, each time resulting in a success bailout for Pakistan. [331][332] IMF also maintains a Resident Representative Office in Pakistan [333]
Economic Cooperation Organization	1985	Pakistan, Turkey, and Iran founded the ECO in 1985 with plans at economic and political cooperation in the region. Through the work of this organization, Iran has free trade agreements with Iran, Turkey, a Afghanistan forthcoming shortly. [334][335]
<u>NATO</u>	Non-member	Pakistan is a major non-NATO ally, a special designation from the US for certain non-NATO states, earning the status shortly into the war of terrorism by George W. Bush. [336] This designation comes with certal benefits highlighted by special access to particular military technolog or collaboration. The two have cooperated and continue to cooperate projects like eradicating terrorism in Bosnia and Afghanistan, and offer each other logistic and military support. [337]
© OIC	1969	Pakistan has used the Organization for Islamic Cooperation in the pato strengthen alliances and settle disputes or disagreements. The 2n summit of the OIC was in Pakistan, during a time in which Pakistan still did not recognize Bangladesh. Under pressure from other nations Pakistan would invite a delegation from Bangladesh and here at this summit Pakistan would come to recognize the nation. [338] Pakistan also uses the OIC to push their position on the controversial region of Kashmir. [339]
SAARC	1985	Pakistan is one of the founding members of SAARC, an organization

		SAARC summit in Pakistan was canceled following boycotts by India, Afghanistan, Bhutan, and Bangladesh, causing some to worry about the future of the organization. [341]
SCO	2015	Pakistan and India signed on to be full members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in 2015, with the process for instatement ending in 2017. The organization shares many interests with Pakistan, and the new membership has been supported within Pakistan and the members of the organization. [342]
United Nations	1947	

See also



- History of Pakistan
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- List of diplomatic missions in Pakistan
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