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Profile

Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations. Senior most diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Pakistan, specializing in multilateral diplomacy with wide experience at United Nations chapters in New York and Geneva.

As Pakistan's representative to the United Nations in New York and Geneva, applied his vast experience and diplomatic skills to promote and protect Pakistan's vital national interests in multiple fields ranging from peace and security, disarmament, human rights, development and trade. In the ongoing process of reform at the United Nations, including Security Council reform, Munir Akram has ably defended and protected Pakistan's vital interests and continues to play a leading role on other important issues on the UN's regular and reform agenda.

Munir Akram was educated in Pakistan, and holds a Masters degree in Political Science and a Bachelors degree in Law from Karachi University, Pakistan.

Work Experience

2002-Present	Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations (New York)
1995-2002	Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations (Geneva)
1992-1995	Additional Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Islamabad) Head of UN Directorate and Economic Coordination Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad.
1988-1992	Ambassador to the European Community, Belgium & Luxemburg (Brussels)
1985-1988	Director-General (United Nations Directorate), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Islamabad)
1982-1985	Minister, Embassy of Pakistan to Japan (Tokyo)
1979-1982	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Pakistan to UN (Geneva)
1975-1979	Director, United Nations directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Islamabad)
1969-1974	Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations (New York)

Important Positions held at the United Nations and other specialized agencies

Current	Co-Chair for UN Management Reform. Chairperson of the Working Party on the Accession of Saudi Arabia to WTO
2005	President of the Economic & Social Council
May 2003 & 2004	President of the UN Security Council
1997	Chirman of WTO Trade Policy Review Body Chairman of the Group of 77
June 1996	Chairman of the Conference on Disarmament

Awards

In recognition of outstanding contribution, selfless service and devotion to the country, and par-excellence performance in the field of diplomacy and foreign policy, the President of Pakistan has conferred the award of **Hilal-i-Quaid-i-Azam**

Important Papers and Lectures

- *"The Critical Engagement: Pakistan-U.S. Relations – Strategic Convergences and Divergences"* – Presentation at Harvard University Asia Centre – February 2006.
- *"Peace Initiative in South Asia: Exploring Possible Options for Kashmir"* – Address at the 4th International Kashmir Peace Conference in New York – February 2005.
- *"A New Consensus on Security Must Encompass Development"* – 2004.

- *"India-Pakistan peace Talks: Hope at Last"* – Address at Asia Society – April 2003.
- *"The WTO After Seattle"* – Address to the Diplomatic Club of Geneva – January 2000.
- Address to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Conference on *"Nuclear Non-Proliferation: Enhancing the Tools of the Trade"* – June 1997.
- *"Towards a new Round of Multilateral Negotiations? Improving Labour Standards or Building a new Protectionism?"* – Address to the Wilton Park Conference in London – June 1997.
- Address to the U.S. National Defence University, Washington, DC on *"Non-Proliferation and Security in South Asia"* – November 1996.
- *"Peace and Security in South Asia"* – Lecture at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy – November 1994.
- *"The Spread of Sensitive Technologies: Pakistan's Policy on Nuclear Non-Proliferation"* – October 1990.

Important Meetings, Summit participation, Conferences attended (2003 onwards)

- Fifth WTO Ministerial Conference held at Cancun, Mexico on 10-14 September, 2003.
- 10th OIC Summit Conference held in Kuala Lumpur from 11-18 October 2003.
- High-level Meeting on South-South Cooperation held in Marrakech on 16-19 December 2003.
- Pakistan-U.S. Dialogue on Nuclear & Regional Security Issues held in London on 14-18 March 2004.
- UNCTAD-XI Ministerial meeting in Sao Paulo held in Brazil on 11-18 June 2004
- Joint meeting of the Group of Friends with the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Changes held in Mexico City on 6th September 2004.
- 'Seminar on Accession' – attended in the capacity of Chairperson of the WTO Accession Working Party of Saudi Arabia in Geneva on 4-5 November 2004.
- 5th South Asia Security Conference held in Muscat, Oman – 18-21 February 2005.
- 14th SPE Middle East Oil and Gas Show and Conference (MEOS) held in Bahrain on 12-15 March 2005.
- 11th Session of the Intergovernmental Follow up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (IFCC-XI) held in Havana, Cuba on 21-23 March 2005.
- Meeting of the Group of Friends on UN Reform held in Santiago, Chile, from 06-07 May 2005.
- Pak-US Dialogue on Strategic Issues – London from 15-10 May 2005
- UNIDO Board's Meeting on UNIDO-ECOSOC Cooperation in the capacity of ECOSOC President held in Vienna on 26-27 May 2005.
- Second South Summit held in Doha, Qatar from 11-16 June 2005.
- Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Friends on UN Reform at Wittenburg Castle in Wassenaar on 5th July 2005.
- Attended as a source person the brainstorming session to discuss the development platform for the South for presentation to the G-77 Ministers held in Jamaica on 29-30 September 2005.
- Donors' Conference for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Earthquake held in Islamabad on 19 November 2005.
- Group of Friends meeting on UN Reform in Cartagena, Colombia, 5-6 May 2006.
- International Workshop on Global Security, Berlin, 18-20 May 2006.
- Second Meeting of the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on System-Wide Coherence in Geneva on 1-3 June 2006.
- High-Level Ministerial Segment and Substantive Session of UN ECOSOC, Geneva, 3-23 July 2006.