



RESOLUTION NO.453

"The Senate of Pakistan, taking note of China's strong support and timely assistance to Pakistan during the current Coronavirus Crisis, expresses its deep appreciation to the Chinese Government and People for their unflinching role as 'all weather friends' of Pakistan.

China's support to Pakistan has helped to combat Covid-19 by protecting our people and saving lives as well as providing our health workers with testing kits, protective gear and ventilators at a time when these were badly needed plus sending medical teams. The Senate of Pakistan also commends the Government and people of China, led by President Xi Jinping, who showed leadership in this crisis through clarity of vision by taking decisive and timely measures to combat the Coronavirus effectively in China.

As 'Iron Brothers' both Pakistan and China are collectively confronting this 'common enemy', the Coronavirus, which is a threat to humanity, irrespective of country, race or religion. In this context, the Senate of Pakistan rejects the baseless

propaganda against China from certain quarters, which stems from geopolitical rivalry and is more an attempt to divert attention from their own internal failings as it has no factual basis.

The Senate feels that this Resolution, just prior to May 21, which marks the 69th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relation between Pakistan and China on May, 21, 1951, is an auspicious occasion to celebrate the resilience of our time-tested friendship, which is evident from China's consistent support to Pakistan on Kashmir, on CPEC and now on COVID-19."

Moved by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition on his own behalf and on behalf of Senators Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, , Sherry Rehman, Mushahid Ullah Khan, Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Mir Kabeer Ahmad Muhammad Shahi, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Sirajul Haq and Sitara Imran.

Passed by the Senate of Pakistan on Thursday, the 12th May, 2020.