

Testimony

From Strategy to Implementation The Future of the US-Pakistan Relationship

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ABSTRACT

The Bill "Pakistan Enduring Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2009" or "Peace Act of 2009" H. R. 1886, was introduced in the 1st Session of 111th US Congress on April 2, 2009, by Mr Berman, Howard L. along with others. It was referred to several committees including the Committee of Foreign Affairs, before which Carol Christine Fair appeared for this Testimony on May 5, 2009. The House passed the amended bill on June 11, 2009. We are publishing this Testimony, with due appreciation and credit, to highlight the necessary consultative role of the academia in the American Law-making process though Fair herself has come under heavy criticism by worldwide academia for her controversial stances, like denying that drone attacks caused civilian deaths, which has been ranked as propaganda and simply false by other American political analysts. The divine command mandated the consultative process, in the contours of the Qur'an and Prophetic Sunnah, as the basic pillar of all the collective matters whenever a matter involves two or more persons. Nascent Pakistani democracy can learn from this testimony as how to benefit from academia's learned resource in the consultative process of law-making enshrined in the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and its Objectives Resolution.

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