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The United Nations welcomes interim Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Pakistan

Islamabad, 3 September 2019: We are pleased to welcome Mr Knut Ostby, who took up his position as United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator a.i in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Having over 29 years of extensive experience in development, human rights and humanitarian affairs from 17 countries, Mr Ostby has served as the United Nations Resident Coordinator for over 13 years, including in Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Fiji and nine other Pacific countries, and Iran. During his career with the United Nations, he has held leadership positions in Afghanistan, Malaysia, the Maldives, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and at UN headquarters in Copenhagen and New York.

His assignments in various Asian countries gave him the opportunity to understand the dynamics of this region and view the development and needs of this region's people more holistically.

Mr. Ostby has previously served in Pakistan in 2003. " I am happy to return to Pakistan after 14 years and looking forward to join UN's work to support government in achieving our shared goals of sustainable development for the people of this country", he said on assuming his office in Islamabad.

Mr Ostby succeeded Mr Neil Buhne who took a new assignment as the *Regional Director* of the Asia- Pacific, at the *UN Development Coordination Office* in Bangkok last month.

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