Message from the Prime Minister of Pakistan
On Thirty-Second Anniversary of SAARC and the Thirty-Third SAARC Charter Day

(08 December, 2017)

On behalf of the people and the government of Pakistan, I wish to felicitate the governments and the citizens of the Member States of SAARC countries as we celebrate the 32nd Anniversary of establishment of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation and the 33rd SAARC Charter Day.

We celebrate, today, the spirit with which our leaders, entrusted by the people of South Asia, worked to adopt the SAARC Charter, and established SAARC. More than three decades ago, they committed to engage in a collaborative regional effort, geared towards delivering on the promise of better life for their people.

We, in Pakistan, are convinced that only through adhering to the principles of sovereign equality and mutual respect among Member States, would we be able to exploit the true potential of the SAARC and achieve our cherished goal of a prosperous and developed South Asian region.

As a founding member of SAARC, Pakistan stands steadfastly by the principles of the Charter of this grouping. We look forward to hosting the 19th SAARC Summit with the aim to strengthen regional connectivity for the people of this important region. The Summit would help advance development, prosperity and cooperation in a region that has invaluable resources combined with ingenuity of the diverse population.

I sincerely wish all the people of our South Asian region, happiness, harmony peace and prosperity.