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Diplomacy is More Successful Than Military Action



ISLAMABAD November 11, 2020: “Diplomacy has proved to be more successful than military action in recent times,” said Amb Andreas Ferrarese. The Ambassador of Italy to Pakistan was speaking at an event organized by the Institute of Regional Studies here on Wednesday. He added that Italy was a pacifist country since the World War II and focused on promoting positive trade and economic relations with all the countries of the world.

Commenting on the Italian economy, Amb Ferrarese stated that Italy was dependent on imports for certain industrial inputs and raw materials. He further added that since Italy had to import a considerable number of items, it needed exports to balance its trade. Therefore, he argued, it was important for Italy to compete with its main competitors in its main export markets. “Italians will lose their jobs if the country will not be able competitively export,” he remarked.



Amb Ferrarese shared that there were nearly 200,000 Pakistani migrants in Italy. He highly appreciated the cultural assimilation and work-ethic of Pakistani migrants in Italy. When questioned about the negativity towards migrants in Europe, he urged Pakistanis to view the European response to migration through the prism of microeconomics. “Migration has affected the jobs of the poor,” he said. He was of the view that owing to

migration the wages of the poor segments of the European societies had gone further down, which was a source of concern for the governments. He stated that trade between the Italy and Pakistan was less than its true potential. He urged the two governments to dedicate time and resources to enhancing bilateral trade relations.

He also called for a greater understanding about the decision-making processes within the EU. “EU is quite far from being a single political entity,” he remarked. Responding to a question about Islamophobia in Europe, Amb Ferrarese remarked that there should be interfaith harmony and tolerance. It was imperative to co-exist and better understand each other, he added.