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STEERING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL COUNTER EXTREMISM POLICY HAS STARTED IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS ROADMAP

The Steering Committee on formulation of National Counter Extremism Policy has started implementation of its roadmap for future as decided in meeting on 18th October 2016. In this respect, a meeting with all provincial stakeholders including Home Departments and Police was held on 24th October 2016 under the convenorship of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed. The provincial governments being implementing arm of the policy for fighting extremism are seen as essential partners at the formulation phase of the policy, which is a sine qua non for its success and effectiveness.

All provincial Home Departments, Home Department AJK, GB and FATA gave presentations to the Steering Committee. Detailed briefing followed with discussions were undertaken upon issues, typology and causes of extremism peculiar to each region. It was agreed that a successful policy cannot be made out of context. Provincial Home Departments also informed the Committee of the interventions and initiatives already undertaken against all forms of extremism within their respective jurisdictions. They gave recommendations and input for incorporation in the policy.

The Steering Committee has now assembled firsthand view of the issues, typology, causes and interventions regarding extremism. It is the first attempt towards indigenization of the problem, which it is hoped will bring an indigenous solution. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed concluded that the distinction between 'good and bad extremists' has ended and it is time that a comprehensive national doable framework be introduced to root out the menace of terrorism and extremism from our society. He further stressed that the plan of action will be within the framework of the Constitution and rule of law, thus needs uniform policy at the national level in consultation with all the provinces and concerned stakeholders. The Committee has started its work, it is hoped that Pakistan will get its first National Counter Extremism Policy with broad based consensus in near future, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed concluded.

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