British High Commission hosts roundtable on International Day of Democracy.

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The British High Commission hosted a roundtable discussion to demonstrate the UK's support for democracy in Pakistan, and to mark the International Day of Democracy.



The event, chaired by the British High Commission's Political Counsellor, Iona Thomas, brought together a range of experts from civil society, legal organisations and academics.

The British High Commission holds democratic values in the highest regard and support democracy because the UK believes it is the system of government that best allows for individual freedom and is the fairest way to govern human societies and states.

The list of those attending were: Harris Khalique — Secretary General, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Oves Anwar — Director Research Society of International Law, Sadaf Khan — Co-Founder and Director, Media Matters for Democracy, Imaan Mazari — Lawyer and academic at Quaid-e-Azam University.

Political Counsellor Iona Thomas, OBE, said:

This vision of democracy and human rights remains central to the newly constituted Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) as of 2 Sept, harnessing the best of what were formerly FCO and DFID to be a force for good in the world.

We continue to strive towards the ideals of democracy and human rights in Pakistan, a country with immense potential. Supporting both the vibrant civil society as well as the Government of Pakistan through our various programmes on these themes, the UK continues to be a longstanding friend of Pakistan.

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