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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

PDDPA-Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan

FATA - Federally Administered Tribal Areas

ISI - Inter-Services Intelligence

Ji - Jamaat-e-Islami

NWFP - North West Frontier Province

TNSM - Tehreek-e-Nizam-e-Shariat-e-Mohammad

SEATO – South East Asian Treaty Organization

CENTO – Central treaty organization

NA- Northern Alliance

ABSTRACT

Over the last six decades, there has been serious occurrence of distrust between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Both countries are interdependent with strong socio-religious connections. Pakistan always wanted to establish friendly relations with Afghanistan. During the Taliban regime Pakistan got a chance to develop smooth relations with Afghanistan. After the tragic incident of 9/11, Pakistan changed its policy towards Taliban and provides assistance to USA against Taliban. This study is specifically conducted to highlight the relations of Afghanistan and Pakistan during the Taliban regime. The methodology encompasses a review of historical and contemporary literature that amplifies that why Pakistan rationally supported the Taliban's government and to reveal the role of Taliban for the relationship between both countries. The study concludes with the findings that the political and diplomatic honey moon of Afghan-Pak relations faded away very soon by the immaturity and stubborn policies of the Taliban towards Pakistan.

1.1 Introduction

Afghanistan is a land locked country which is located within south and central Asia. A heterogeneous society of different tribes exists in Afghanistan. The people are brave, hospitable, and egoistic. Afghanistan has a long history of internal and external conflicts. It was a buffer state between British India and Russia in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. Pakistan is in east of Afghanistan and always wishes for a stable Afghanistan. In the province of KPK, there lived Pashtuns, who are culturally and historically attached to Afghanistan. Pakistan always helps the Afghans in the hour of hardships. Thousands of Afghan refugees settled in border areas of Pakistan as a result of Soviet invasion (1979), civil war (1990) and US operation of enduring freedom in 2001. Pakistani government has been trying hard to rehabilitate these neighboring misplaced countrymen.