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U.S.-Pakistan Business Council Names Citigroup CEO Collins Chairman-Elect and Netsol Chairman Ghauri Vice Chairman-Elect

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S.-Pakistan Business Council (USPBC), an affiliate of the United States Chamber of Commerce, has announced the election of Jay Collins as chairman-elect and Najeeb Ghauri as vice chairman-elect to two-year terms.

“As chief executive officer of the Public Sector Group for Citigroup, Jay advises the firm’s Global Banking operations in its relationships with sovereign governments around the world, including Pakistan,” said Esperanza Gomez, executive director of the USPBC. “He is very familiar with the objectives and initiatives of the Council and this will serve him well as the chairman.”

The USPBC is the leading private sector association in the United States promoting trade and investment between the United States and Pakistan. It is comprised of senior executives representing major U.S. companies that invest in Pakistan’s financial services, energy and power; pharmaceuticals, food and beverages, IT and telecommunications sectors.

The primary mission of the Council is to increase U.S. foreign direct investment in Pakistan and to strengthen bilateral economic relations between the countries. The Council fosters a bilateral dialogue between key business and government decision makers to encourage progressive economic policies in both Pakistan and the United States.

“As a successful entrepreneur and Chairman of Netsol Technologies, as well as a founding member of the Board of the USPBC, Najeeb brings immense value to his role as vice chairman-elect. He has been tireless in his commitment to the mission of the Council and to strengthening U.S.-Pakistan business relations,” continued Gomez. “The Council continues to grow and the membership welcomes the experience that both Jay and Najeeb bring to the USPBC.”

The U.S. Chamber is the world's largest business federation representing more than 3 million businesses and organizations of every size, sector and region.