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Queen Maxima UNSGSA call on the President

Islamabad; November 26, 2019: Her Majesty Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, the UN Secretary General's Special Advocate (UNSGSA) for Inclusive Finance for Development, called on President Dr. Arif Alvi at Aiwan-e-Sadr today.

While welcoming the Queen, the President expressed appreciation for UNSGSA's commitment to the promotion of Financial Inclusion for Development. The President stated that Pakistan had achieved a significant progress on financial inclusion since UNSGSA's last visit in 2016 and this visit will also have positive implications on the ongoing initiatives in the country.

The President apprised Queen Maxima on the steps Pakistan would take under the National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) till 2023 for further promoting financial inclusion in the country with emphasis on women financial inclusion. The President stressed that Pakistan considers financial inclusion as an effective tool to achieve progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), eradicate poverty, and realizing inclusive economic growth.

The UNSGSA briefed the President on her engagements in Islamabad and expressed appreciation for Pakistan's efforts including the prioritization of access to financial services for women and promoting inclusive Fintech – the use of technology in financial services.
