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Press Release

Pakistan Turkey 70 Year Friendship Tennis Match December, 2017

Mr. Salim Saifullah Khan, the President Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) is delighted to announce the hosting of **Pakistan Turkey Friendship Tennis Match** to commemorate the 70 Years of friendship between the two brotherly nations on 20th December, 2017 at 11 am. The venue for the match will be Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) Complex, Garden Avenue, Islamabad.

The President PTF, while chairing the Management committee meeting expressed his pleasure at the holding of the Friendship match after successful conduct of two back to back ITF Futures Tournaments at PTF Complex, which culminated on 17th December, 2017. He recalled the brotherly relations between the two nations which have remained unaffected for 70 years. While acknowledging the support extended by Turkey to Pakistan through thick and thin, he thanked the Turkish people for their outright support. He also thanked the Turkish Tennis Federation (TTF) for hosting the Pakistani players at Istanbul to play the Friendship series in October- November, 2017 and also appreciated the Turkish Ambassador's role in cementing the bilateral relations between the brotherly nations besides promotion of Tennis activities between Pakistan and Turkey. He also called upon the Turkish players to come to Pakistan in the future as it will not only strengthen the cultural, political and social ties but also a source of inspiration for the upcoming Pakistani Tennis players to watch the internationally ranked Turkish players.

HE **Sadık Babür Girgin** the Ambassador of Turkey to Pakistan acceded to be the chief guest on this auspicious and memorable occasion. He will witness the match along with PTF officials and other high profile dignitaries. The match will be played between the visiting Turkish Player **Ergi Kirkin** and Pakistan's **Muzammil Murtaza**.