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A massive earthquake struck Pakistan and parts of India and Afghanistan on Saturday morning October 8, 2005. It was with great distress and sadness that I learned about the tragic earthquake which shook northern regions of Pakistan on 8 October and resulted in very extensive loss of lives and destruction.

I would like to thank everyone who offered precious help to the stricken people of Pakistan. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the world community and voluntary organizations, and the work of volunteers, men and women, aid workers, international organizations, NGOs and global civil society deserves the highest praise. Donors in particular need special mention for their generous support and assistance in providing relief to the earthquake victims. But equally significant was the spontaneous outpouring of compassion and generosity by the people of Pakistan, both at home and abroad, on a scale never witnessed before. From soldiers and voluntary relief workers to local NGOs each did their part to protect and help the victims. The Pakistan armed forces in general, and the army in particular, provided the backbone of the relief effort, and the degree and extent of cooperation, coordination, execution and implementation achieved have rightly been praised by national as well as international observers, and by the humanitarian community.

Global Peace Pioneer has also played a major role in helping and providing assistance to people who suffered the great losses. GPP worked voluntarily to provide the necessary items required for the victims. GPP supported and stood firm and united with the affectees of earth quake.

October 8th is ardently observed by global Peace Pioneer. Being an NGO GPP played a vital role during the earth quake. This day is dedicated to the people who have lost their lives, homes and families. Ms. Hina Iqbal Chairperson- GPP highlighted the efforts and honored the brave men and women and especially children who were brave in time of crisis. Ms. Hina also emphasis on being a strong and a peaceful nation. She prays that citizen of Pakistan to be brave and can face the challenges bravely in future to come. She also appreciated the efforts of international community in assisting the earthquake affected areas to bring back life and smiles on the faces of people esp the children who suffered the most.

