**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Honorable delegates and distinguished guests we are now reaching the conclusion of a three-day conference. It is a great honour for us that the honorable President of Pakistan H.E. Mamnoon Hussain inaugurated the session. All the countries were able to participate. Afghanistan made a special effort to join us even though one of the delegates had to drive by road. It’s a pity that the delegation from India did not join us.

2. Let me acknowledge the contribution made by Nepal as chair for continuing cooperation amongst the group formed under South Asia Regional Public Procurement Forum.

3. By holding this conference, we have further strengthened the regional cooperation.

4. As presented by the respective countries the procurement regimes of these countries exist and they intend to take it to the next phase. I am sure that the deliberations of this conference would help moving to the next phase that is from compliance to performance.

5. During this conference we benefitted by the presence of academia and practical experience of USA, UK and New Zealand and experts from World Bank and ADB. We were also benefitted by the presentations of each county in our region.

6. The crux of the deliberations held in past two days was visible in today’s group discussions. It has left us wiser than before.

**Action Plan**

7. The success of this forum can be seen by the large participation and excellent input by the participants. I am happy that the timing of this conference coincided with the beginning of spring and we were also able to manage some recreational activities. I am confident that short stay in Pakistan will be memorable.

8. I would like to extend my thanks to local staff of the World Bank specially Ms. Uzma Sadaf, Mr. Azhar and Rehan. I would also want to appreciate and thank the PPRA team-the Director General, Mr. Alam Zeb Khan, Director, Mr. Waqar Hussain Abbasi, Rana Umar, Yasir, Ali Taimoor, Rizwan, Naseem Abbas, Fiaz Qaiser and Hassan. We have set the tone now it is these young people who have to carry this mission and vision forward.

9. I would also like to thank Mr. Wajih Akhtar and Tauseeq Haider for their support.

10. I wish you a safe journey back home.

Thank you