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The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) held a Roundtable Discussion on *Pakistan-Russia Relations* on April 30, 2019 under the fourth round of its Tuesday Dialogue series. Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry, Director General, ISSI moderated the discussion which was held under Chatham House rules.

Of late, Pakistan and Russia have made discernable efforts to strengthen their bilateral relationship. The cooperation has been most visible in the defense field pursuant to an agreement in 2014. However, the economic component of the relationship has not progressed at the desired level, though attempts are being made for boosting cooperation in trade, energy, agriculture and other domains. On Afghanistan, both countries are convinced that peace in Afghanistan will enhance regional stability.

The meeting deliberated on the following questions:

1. In recent years, Pakistan-Russia relations are warming up. What factors are contributing to this uptick in the relationship?
2. Why are Pakistan-Russia relations not growing at the desired or intended pace?

Concrete suggestions that emerged from the discussion are being shared with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other stakeholders in the form of an ISSI Confidential Brief.

Participants

1. **Air Vice Marshal (R) Faaiz Amir**, Vice Chancellor, Air University
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3. **Prof. Dr. Nazir Hussain**, Director, School of Politics & International Relations, QAU
4. **Ambassador Tariq Fatemi**
5. **Lt. Gen (R) Talat Masood**
6. **Dr. Sarwat Rauf**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of International Relations, NUML