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Tayyab Safdar completed his MPhil and PhD in Development Studies from the University of Cambridge. His current research explores the emerging dynamics of South-South Development Cooperation, especially after the launch of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in 2013. His research also looks at the economic and political dimensions of increasing Chinese investment on host countries that are a part of the Belt & Road Initiative (BRI), focusing particularly on the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Dr. Safdar's research has been published in the *Journal of Development Studies* and *Energy for Sustainable Development*.

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Dr. Safdar has not previously testified before the Commission.