

HEARTIEST WELCOME TO PAKISTAN



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Therefore award of the above status to Pakistan will not be a big burden to Turkey but indeed be a boost to Pak-Turkish trade and deservedly give the same status to Pakistan as given to other GSP Plus Countries

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