



Pakistan's emerging democracy sets international standard for involving women

The large number of elected women in Pakistan's new political structures 'set an international standard, not least for Britain,' Liberal Democrat President Simon Hughes said in Islamabad today. His comments followed talks between the LibDem Inter-Parliamentary Delegation and senior members of the Pakistan Senate. The recently reconstituted chamber, contains 28 women senators, over 20% of the total, a number of whom serve as ministers in the PMLQ government allied to President Parvez Musharraf. Simon Hughes and other delegation members Don Foster MP, Qassim Afzal and Ben Jephcott discussed Pakistan's new democratic structures at a reception hosted by the Senate Chairman Mr Mohammedmian Soomro. The event was attended by members from both the governing and opposition parties and independent journalists.

