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Political consensus is the panacea of instability in Pakistan

Outline

I. Introduction

II. Brief overview of Pakistan's current political landscape

III. How political consensus could bring stability in Pakistan?

(A) At economic front

(a) Prioritizing transition from aid-based economy to a globally integrated and self-generating economy

(b) Supporting programmes to boost growth trajectory

Case in point: sagacious policies in textile, tourism, agriculture, energy sector, IT

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(c) Highlighting consensus-driven charter of economy

(B) At political front

(a) Ensuring strong democratic culture with fair resource distribution

(b) Prioritizing cooperation over confrontation to tackle Pakistan's poly-crisis

(c) Formation of an inclusive national security committee

(c) At social front

(a) Promoting national unity and cohesion by transcending partisan divisions

case in point: post-apartheid democratic transition in South Africa

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(b) A consensus to address social disparities

case in point: collaborative effort in education, health, and service sectors

(c) Establishing robust local government system for service delivery at grass-root level

(d) At technological front

(a) Fostering digital transformation by leveraging technology

case in point: digital literacy, vocational training institutions

(b) A conducive environment for research and development

(c) Constructive role in navigating positive aspects of artificial intelligence for acquiring global footing

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IV- Hurdles preventing political parties from building consensus

(a) Dynastic, despotic, and power-seeking elite

(b) Prioritizing vested interests over national interests

(c) Practising illiberal democracy

(d) Widening inter-institutional mistrust

V- What measures should political parties adopt in promoting inclusiveness?

(a) Fostering the culture of constructive dialogue

(b) Implementing charter of democracy in real spirit

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(c) Respecting the sovereignty of
constitution and people

(d) Intra-party democratic principles

VI- Conclusion