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1. Pledge

Noun, Verb

- **Meaning:**

A formal promise to give money or to do something

- **Sentence:**

almost 90 per cent of pledges made by the international community at a donors' conference in Geneva for flood-hit Pakistan were project loans

2. Roll out

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To make something available or known to people for the first time

- **Sentence:**

- that will be rolled out over the next three years.

3. Lenient

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Not strict or severe

- **Sentence:**

- He did not reveal what the terms of these loans were. However, the prime minister said “we expect the terms to be lenient”.

4. Incorporate

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To include something as part of something

- **Sentence:**

- “I am not incorporating the pledge made by the Saudi Development Bank on purpose here because it is not clear whether their announcement of \$1bn pertains to programme lending or project loan,” Dar said.

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5. Inflow

Noun

- **Meaning:**

The movement of liquid or air into a place

- **Sentence:**

- Responding to a question on how soon he expects these pledges to turn into actual inflows, the premier said that depended on “us”.

6. Feasibility

Noun

- **Meaning:**

The possibility that can be made, done or achieved

- **Sentence:**

- “The faster we can design and create feasibilities and impress them [donors], the faster these pledges will materialise.”

7. Tout

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To advertise, talk about repeatedly

- **Sentence:**

- These pledges will not solve Pakistan's immediate dollar liquidity crisis as is being touted by some government officials, according to a *Dawn* [editorial](#).

8. Dire

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Use to emphasize how severe or intense a situation is

- **Sentence:**

- the country direly needs an immediate cash injection. That — and probably the flood recovery pledges from multilateral lenders — is unlikely to materialise unless Islamabad mends its tense relationship with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

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9. Invalidate

Noun

- **Meaning:**

To make something unacceptable or not true

- **Sentence:**

This gap in revenue collection was a result of a high court invalidating the super tax imposed by the government in June last year,

10. Naysayer

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A person who criticizes and says something is not possible

- **Sentence:**

- Dar asked naysayers to stop spreading panic over “default” rumours, saying such elements must consider national interest above everything.

11. Outset

Noun

- **Meaning:**

At the beginning of something

- **Sentence:**

At the outset of the briefing on Wednesday, PM Shehbaz vowed that the government would utilise “every penny” of the pledges made by the international community for the prosperity and rehabilitation of flood-hit people,

12. Assert

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To state with confidence and assurance

- **Sentence:**

- He asserted that the conference proved to be a “success” for Pakistan.

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