



Member of the European Parliament

Brussels, 26th March 2015

Mr. President,

We, at the European Parliament, are very concerned by what is happening to Asia Bibi, who was sentenced to death under the blasphemy laws of Pakistan. As you know, we voted the resolution 2014/2969 on 27th November 2014, calling Pakistan to move towards repealing these laws, regarding the punishments of maximum life imprisonment and the death penalty that can follow the sentencing.

We believe the Government of Pakistan is willing to respect human rights, not only for every religious minority, but for every Pakistani, for everyone. Repealing the blasphemy laws would appear to be a first significant step towards achieving this goal.

As for Asia Bibi, we are hopeful that the Pakistani judiciary will carefully assess her case. We believe that you cannot ignore the fact that Asia Bibi has become a symbol of the state of human rights in Pakistan.

Pakistani law empowers the President to grant a pardon in exceptional cases. **We, the 68 undersigned Members of the European Parliament, urge you, Mr. President, to use this power to free Asia Bibi.** We are convinced that such a gesture will significantly contribute to reinforce relationships between Pakistan and the European Union.

Yours sincerely,

Pavel Svoboda

Rachida Dati

Mr. Mamnoon Hussain
President of Pakistan

Appendix: List of all the Members of the European Parliament signatories of this letter

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