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H.E. Prime Minister of Pakistan,
Mr Imran Khan

Brussels, 22 January 2019

Dear Prime Minister,

We, undersigned Members of the European Parliament, are writing to you concerning the decision taken by the Supreme Court of Pakistan on 13 December 2018 against Pak-Turk International Cag Education Foundation and its staff, listing this foundation as a “terrorist organisation”. We fear that the Turkish authorities had been involved in a process that puts the independence of the judiciary of Pakistan into question.

We have been informed by several reliable sources and human rights organizations that, because of the decision of the court, these schools and their staff have been under extreme pressure in Pakistan due to political spill-over of the current political developments in Turkey.

This is why the decision by the Supreme Court of Pakistan declaring Pak-Turk International Cag Education Foundation as a terrorist organization and its staff as terrorists triggered a massive concern among us, friends of Pakistan at the European Parliament. We are deeply concerned that educators and the entire staff working for these schools in Pakistan - citizens from both Turkey and Pakistan - are facing ill-treatment and are subject to other human rights violations because of this decision.

In this respect, we firmly believe that the mentioned decision is fully against the spirit of the meetings in the framework of Pakistan-EU Joint Commission and of Inter-parliamentary meetings between the European Parliament and Pakistan, whose last round took place in Islamabad and Karachi on 29 and 30 October 2018.

These schools and their staff proved themselves to be of major importance, contributing to education and social co-existence in Pakistan and in many European countries. Therefore, we believe that these education institutions should not be subject to any form of legal decision, which is politically motivated at the request by the Turkish government and its authorities.



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We, therefore, urge you, Prime Minister, to ensure a safe atmosphere for Pak-Turk International Cag Education Foundation and its staff and to prove that Pakistan is a supporter of human rights.

Yours sincerely,

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