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High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

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Dear High Representative,

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”.

As a result, we were informed by several reliable sources and human rights organizations that these schools and their staff have been under extreme pressure in Pakistan due to the political spill over of the current political developments in Turkey. The very recent 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. The circumstances in which the Supreme Court took the mentioned decision demonstrated that the Turkish authorities had been involved in this politically motivated process.

Therefore, we are deeply concerned that educators and the entire staff working for these schools in Pakistan are facing ill-treatment and be the victims of human rights violations following this decision in Pakistan, as well as in Turkey, if they are going to be deported.

In this respect, we firmly believe that the decision is fully against the spirit of the Pakistan-EU Joint Commission (and related meetings on democracy, governance, the rule of law and human rights that took place in November 2018), as well of the last 11th Inter-parliamentary



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meetings between the European Parliament and Pakistan, held 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.

We, therefore, urge you and the EEAS, notably through the EU Delegation to Pakistan, to use all the means at your disposal to ensure a safe atmosphere for Pak-Turk International Cag Education Foundation and its staff.

Yours sincerely,

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