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Dear The Hon Prime Minister of Pakistan, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and The Hon Chief Justice of Pakistan, Honourable Mr Justice Nasir-Ul-Mulk

Re: Miscarriage of justice in the Asia Bibi case.

We are writing to raise our grave concerns over the decision by the Lahore High Court to uphold the conviction and death sentence in the Asia Bibi case.

We feel strongly that a miscarriage of justice has taken place; that Asia Bibi has been falsely implicated and the evidence being used in her case has been fabricated.

The International community is shocked and saddened at the unfairness of this decision and the treatment that she has received under Pakistan's justice system.

Asia Bibi has now languished in a prison cell for more than four years, with her case adjourned on multiple occasions, and where even the accusers failed to appear in court.

She now faces further delays as she seeks an appeal to the Supreme Court. If her sentence is upheld she will become the first woman in Pakistan's history to be executed for blasphemy.

We feel that this clear miscarriage of justice undermines Pakistan's GSP Plus status, which expects countries to respect citizens' basic human rights and religious freedoms.

We would urge that this case is heard by the Supreme Court on an urgent basis, taking into account that Asia Bibi has already spent four years in custody. The case should be heard by the full bench of the Supreme Court headed by the Chief Justice, taking into account the international concerns about this case, as it affects the credibility of Pakistan's judiciary.

As friends of Pakistan, we feel this miscarriage of justice is tarnishing Pakistan's international reputation and we urge you to review this case as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

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