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His Excellence
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Date: _____

Excellence,

I am turning to you today about the 25-year-old college student Harun Ayub Masih and his 30-year-old friend Salamat Mansha Masih from Lahore / Punjab. The two Christians are alleged to have violated article 295 Sections A through C of the Pakistani Penal Code. Salamat Mansha has been in detention since February 13, 2021, when he and his friend were reported by representatives of the radical Islamic party Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) as a result of a dispute with high school students in Model Town Park, however Harun Ayub Masih was able to be released on bail after his imprisonment. Because of the serious allegations it is inevitable for both men to be on a trial in the future.

The two Christians were discussing a Christian book in the park when mentioned Islamic high school students interfered uncalled and tried to forbid them from talking about Christian literature. Afterwards they accused them of offending them as Muslims. Despite their young age, the Muslim students apparently have good relations with the TLP, which glorifies violence against minorities. Upon their notification, representatives of the TLP immediately appeared and filed charges against the two Christian college students.

There is reason to believe that the prosecution of the two young Christians is not only about a demand for respect for Islam. The hidden main agenda is to intimidate members of religious minorities and to set an example. I therefore ask you to do everything in your power to work towards the release of the detainee and to ensure the safety of the two accused and their relatives, as well as to ensure fair trials.

Sincerely