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To President Arif Alvi
via the embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
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Date: _____

Dear Excellence,

I am writing to you today regarding Stephen Masih, a Pakistani citizen from the vicinity of the city of Sialkot in Punjab. Although the 40-year-old Christian has been granted to be mentally incapacitated, he has been charged with intentionally violating Section 295 Subsection C of the Pakistan Penal Code, in other words blasphemy. He was arrested on the 11th of March 2019 after an angry crowd had already attacked him and his family at their home. A neighbor, who is known to be hostile to his family already for years, made the serious allegations. The neighbor claimed, he had heard Stephen Masih from the outside speaking loudly and disparagingly about the Prophet Mohammed inside the family's apartment.

There is rather reason to believe that his claims are based on wrong facts – the neighbor rather had in mind to make an example of Stephen Masih. I therefore ask you to do everything in your power to work towards the release of the detainee and to ensure his safety and that of his relatives.

With best regards