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The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
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Your Excellency;

Please allow me to address you regarding the case of the Pakistani Christian Imran Rehman. The 35-year-old father of two daughters was arrested on 14 September 2022 whilst visiting his bank. The authorities charge him with cybercrime and blasphemy. He is alleged to have defamed the Islamic religion via the messaging application WhatsApp. Rehman rejects this accusation.

He is said to have violated several of the blasphemy laws through the dissemination of the aforementioned content. Observers have expressed surprise at the fact that his alleged communications have even been classified as acts of terrorism. There is legitimate reason to believe that this accusation is only ostensibly concerned with upholding respect for Islam. Rather, it would appear that, once again, an example is being made in this case. Therefore, I humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, that you in your position as President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan ensure his safety as well as that of his family members.

Most respectfully,

Yours,