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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for taking the liberty of bringing the fate of the Pakistani citizen Stephen Mughal Masih from the vicinity of the city of Sialkot in Punjab to your attention. Although the 42-year-old Christian was medically certified of suffering from a mental disability, he is accused of knowingly violating "Section 295-C" of the "Pakistani Criminal Code," which outlaws blasphemy.

He was arrested on March 11, 2019 after an angry crowd attacked him and his family at their home. A neighbor, with whom they have been in a dispute for years, made this serious allegation. They claimed that they had heard in front of the house how Mr. Stephen Mughal Masih was speaking inside the house loudly and disparagingly about the Holy Prophet Muhammad.

However, there is more reason to assume that this incidence is only superficially about respect for Islam, but that it is used to set a warning example against a non-Islamic minority. Therefore, dear Mr. President, I humbly beseech you to do everything in your power to advocate the release of the detainee and to ensure his and his family's safety.

Most respectfully,