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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for taking the liberty of bringing the fate of the incarcerated Pakistani Christian, Asif Pervaiz, to your attention. He is accused to have violated Article 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, and he has been behind bars since 2013. On September 8th 2020, he was sentenced to death.

On October 2, 2013, his former supervisor had reported Asif Pervaiz to have committed blasphemy, accusing him of having spoken condescendingly about Islam, especially about the Prophet Mohammed, for several days in text messages to the mobile phone of his accuser.

Asif Pervaiz is defending himself against this accusation and considers it nothing more than revenge. He had, in fact, rejected the demands of his boss to convert to Islam, and because of this continuous pressure to convert, Mr. Asif Pervaiz even gave up his job. Only then did his former boss accuse him of blasphemy.

Outside observers have good reasons to believe that this is less an issue of lack of respect for Islam than a matter of personal revenge. I therefore respectfully beseech you, dear Mr. President, to do everything in your power to have a competent higher court deal with this case quickly and decisively, which would, no doubt, lead to the acquittal of Mr. Asif Pervaiz.

After his release, placement in a safe location would be required to protect the life and physical integrity of this Christian man.

Most respectfully,