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Your Excellency,

We were pleased to read following the recent election of Imran Khan as Prime Minister of Pakistan that in his first speech following the vote, he stated, "When I came into politics, I wanted Pakistan to become the kind of country that our [founding] leader Muhammad Ali Jinnah wanted. I am saying to you today, that for the first time, Pakistan's policies won't be for the few rich people, it will be for the poor, for our women, for our minorities, whose rights are not respected" and that his policies would be "for the poor, for our women, for our minorities, whose rights are not respected"

So it is with great concern that we petition the Republic of Pakistan to intervene now in the long-term mistreatment of Christians, and other religious minorities in Pakistan's sanitation and sewer work industry.

More than 80 Christians have died from inhaling toxic fumes while cleaning Pakistan's sewers, as even the most basic safety equipment is rarely provided. Although Christians make up less than 2% of Pakistan's total population, they comprise over 80% of the nation's sewer workers. This is the result of hiring practices that specifically target Christian and other non-Muslim minorities for these extremely dangerous positions.

These discriminatory hiring practices and the lack of basic safety equipment has caused the deaths of many Christians in Pakistan and endangered the lives of countless others.

We respectfully request that the Pakistani government:

1. Ensure that all citizens are protected equally under the law, regardless of their ethno-religious affiliation
2. Provide protection that meets modern safety criteria for all sewer workers
3. Require physicians to treat any sanitation worker who has been injured on the job, regardless of background or condition

We would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter, and bring our requests to the attention of Prime Minister Imran Khan and his government.

Yours sincerely,