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To,

The Secretary,
Ministry of Human Rights,
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Subject: **ISSUE OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE**

Dear Sir,

I hope this letter finds you well. The National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) would like to express its ongoing concern regarding the issue of enforced disappearances in Pakistan.

2. Despite commendable efforts such as the submission of a draft bill by the Ministry of Human Rights in 2019 to criminalize enforced disappearances through an amendment in the Pakistan Penal Code, more decisive action is needed to address this pressing issue.

3. The NCHR urges the Ministry of Human Rights to prioritize and expedite the enactment of legislation that specifically criminalizes enforced disappearances in line with international standards. Additionally, it is recommended that the Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances (COIOED) is further strengthened in its mandate and resources to ensure its effectiveness in addressing this human rights violation.

4. The NCHR remains committed to working collaboratively with the Ministry of Human Rights and other relevant stakeholders to protect and promote human rights in Pakistan. We believe that by taking decisive action, we can uphold the fundamental rights and dignity of all individuals within our nation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your prompt response.

With regards,

(Malik Kamran Azam Khan Rajar)
Secretary

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- The Chief Coordinator, NCHR
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