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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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Agha Khan Road, Islamabad.



NATIONAL COMMISSION
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Islamabad, the 31st October, 2023

Subject: REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION IN THE CASE OF PAKISTANI
CITIZEN OMAIR MOORAJ, INCARCERATED IN CENTRAL JAIL,
DUBAI

Dear Excellency Mr Maqsoud Kruse,
Salaam!

The National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) is a federal statutory body, established in 2012 through the National Commission for Human Rights Act XVI (the Act) to ensure Pakistan's compliance with its international obligations. It is an independent National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) developed under the Paris Principles. The primary functions of the NCHR include the investigation of human rights abuses and providing advice to the Government on legislative, policy, and administrative matters pertaining to human rights in the country.

2. NCHR would like to note that the National Human Rights Institution of the United Arab Emirates has a broad and overarching mandate for the promotion and protection of human rights. NCHR avails itself this opportunity to renew to NHRI of UAE the assurances of its highest consideration.

3. I am writing to formally request your Excellency to intervene and conduct an inquiry in the case of Omair Mooraj, a Pakistani citizen currently imprisoned in Central Jail, Dubai. Omair was initially convicted of a financial crime and sentenced to 10 years in prison. Just a few years short of his release date, Omair's sentence was retrospectively increased by 20 years. (Copies of the complaints and a letter filed by Ms. Sanya Mooraj (Omair's wife) and Justice Project Pakistan, respectively, to NCHR with regards to the case are attached herewith as *Annexures A, B and C*)

4. By way of advocacy, we are urging the Pakistani Government to intervene in Omair's case, but we are cognizant that the Detaining State and the NHRI of the UAE have the power to directly initiate inquiry on the issue and to support his repatriation to Pakistan, under the Prisoner Transfer Agreement between Pakistan and the UAE.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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