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Dear High Commissioner

**Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan**

I am writing to express my concern at the treatment of Ahmadi citizens in Pakistan.

Earlier this year, the Amnesty International AGM overwhelmingly passed a motion on the freedom of the Ahmadiyya to manifest their religion in teaching, practise, worship and observance, which, inter alia,

\* asserts the right of the Ahmadiyya, as guaranteed by Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to practise their religion,

\* urges the Government of Pakistan to remove the 1974 Second Amendment to the Constitution which defines the Ahmadis as “Non-Muslim” and to rescind Ordinance XX, passed in 1984, which effectively prohibited Ahmadis from preaching or professing their beliefs

The Second Amendment to the Constitution (1974) and Ordnance XX (1984) lay Ahmadiyya open to criminal and capital charges for the practise of their religion, and there are many incidents where they are subjected to violence because of their religion.

An example of this discrimination was an attack by a mob on Ahmadis in Gujranwala in July 2014 resulted in the death of two girls and their grandmother and left eight people injured, including one child – no action was taken by the authorities to prevent the attack nor to prosecute the attackers: further detail is provided in the AI report “As Good as Dead”

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa33/5136/2016/en/>

I would remind you that the Constitution of Pakistan states that “adequate provisions shall be made for minorities to profess and practice their religious beliefs freely”

I would therefore request that you urge your Government to remove the Second Amendment and to rescind Ordnance XX.

Yours respectfully