

## **Informal Exchange of Views with European Union Member States ahead of Pakistan's UPR, 42nd UPR Session, Human Rights Council**

**Recommendations by the UPR Project at BCU and Research Society of International Law Pakistan (Cited in the OHCHR's Summary of Stakeholders' Submissions as "UPR BCU" and "JS20") (A/HRC/WG.6/42/PAK/3)**

### **Recommendations for EUMS to provide for Pakistan's UPR:**

#### *Death Penalty:*

- Uphold and enforce its international obligations to safeguard the right to life, pursuant to **Articles 6, 7 and 14 of the ICCPR**.
- Whilst it retains the death penalty, ensure it complies with the **'most serious crimes' principle, under Article 6 ICCPR**, which restricts punishment to crimes of intentional killing only.
- Ratify the **Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR** aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
- Develop, in consultation with civil society and relevant regional bodies, a **comprehensive action plan to work towards a moratorium**, with a view to abolition, within the next three years.

#### *National Human Rights Institution:*

- Ensure the National Commission for Human Rights of Pakistan (NCHR) is in line with the **Paris Principles** by providing it with independence to work free of political interference.
- **Extend the NCHR's mandate and strengthen its powers** to ensure it can investigate all allegations of human rights violations committed by State entities.

#### *Business and Human Rights:*

- Aid the Ministry of Human Rights in the implementation of the **National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights**.

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