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Jamal Baloch
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NETHERLANDS

Subject: Petition No 1730/2026 (reference to be quoted in all correspondence)

Dear Mr Baloch,

I am pleased to inform you that the Committee on Petitions has considered your petition and declared it admissible, since the matter you raise falls within the European Union's fields of activity.

Given the subject matter, I have referred your petition to the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Human Rights for information. A letter has been sent to the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the countries of South Asia (DSAS).

I would suggest you to review the 'The EU Special Incentive Arrangement for Sustainable Development and Good Governance (GSP+) assessment of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan covering the period 2023-2025' of 16 July 2026, which identifies concerns about disappearances, including in Balochistan, extrajudicial killings, impunity, restrictions on freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and the potential for counter-terrorism laws to enable arbitrary detention, and raises concerns about fair-trial rights and the treatment of political dissidents and human rights defenders: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX%3A52026SC0184.

Please also be informed of the 15th European Union - Pakistan Joint Commission which took place on 17 December 2025 in Brussels, during which the EU and Pakistan discussed the implementation of the 27 international conventions required under GSP+, including enforced disappearances, freedom of expression, media freedom, judicial independence, and safeguards in the application of the law, and the EU called for further reforms and discussed the forthcoming GSP+ monitoring report: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/15th-meeting-eu%E2%80%93pakistan-joint-commission_en.

Please take note of the Seventh Round of the European Union-Pakistan Strategic Dialogue which took place on 21 November 2025, during which the High Representative Kaja Kallas and Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister discussed bilateral relations, human rights, fundamental freedoms, and GSP+: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/seventh-round-european-union-pakistan-strategic-dialogue-21-november-2025_en.

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Please find more information in the following notices:

– the parliamentary question for written answer E-000384/2026 on “Breach of international obligations by Pakistan and possible suspension of GSP+” and the Commission's reply: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000384_EN.html, https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000384-ASW_EN.html;

– the question for written answer E-000098/2024 on “Enforced disappearances in Balochistan” and the Commission's reply: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2024-000098_EN.html, https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2024-000098-ASW_EN.html.

Please note that the Committee on Petitions is unable to pursue your petition any further and has therefore decided to close your file.

Nevertheless, I would like to thank you for exercising your right to petition.

Yours sincerely,



Bogdan Rzońca
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