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**STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENCY**  
**ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION CONCERNING PAKISTAN**

The European Union welcomes the fact that legal proceedings have resulted in a verdict of not guilty for Rahmat and Salamat MASSIH, who were sentenced to death at first instance.

It hopes that the necessary steps will be taken to prevent such situations arising in the future.