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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
concerning the verdict in the trial of former PM Nawaz Sharif**

The EU acknowledges that the trial seems to have been conducted in a transparent and fair manner, as the defence itself stated.

Nevertheless, some aspects of the wider judicial context have raised concerns, such as the judges oath of loyalty to the “Provisional Constitutional Order” and the inclusion of new legislation on aircraft hijacking in the terrorist laws since the event.

The EU would like to stress that it will follow closely the appeal against this sentence presented by the defence, which will go to the Supreme Court.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this declaration.

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