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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on Pakistan**

The EU has followed with great concern the recent political discussion on "honour killings" in the Pakistani society. Such killings motivated by "family honour" transgress the principles of human rights. The EU condemns these killings as it condemns all such acts of violence. It urges the Pakistani government to ensure full protection to all citizens accorded to them under Pakistan's constitution.

The EU welcomed the statement of the delegation of the Government of Pakistan at the UN Commission for Human Rights in Geneva on the 14th of April condemning the "honour killing" of Samia Sarwar in the office of advocate Hina Jilani in Lahore. The EU urges the government of Pakistan, in accordance with that statement and in conformity with international human rights instruments, including the international Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, to initiate measures to prevent such killings, to prosecute their perpetrators and leave no doubt about the governments' disapproval of such acts.

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.