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**Statement by the
International Commission against the Death Penalty
on the Imposition of the Death Sentence on Aasia Bibi
in Pakistan**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) takes this opportunity to express its deep concern on the imposition of the death sentence on Aasia Bibi by a Pakistani court in Central Punjab for blasphemy. The verdict is still to be revised by the Lahore High Court.

ICDP was founded in order to obtain the establishment of a universal moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to its total abolition, and to call for the suspension of executions in cases where International Law prohibits or restricts its application, in particular, when it affects the most vulnerable groups of society.

ICDP believes that the death penalty violates the right to life recognized by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that it should not be applied whatever the circumstances, regardless of the gravity of the crime.

ICDP wants to add its voices to the international community's call against the death sentence on Aasia Bibi, and calls upon Pakistani authorities to commute her death sentence in compliance with international human rights standards and International Law.



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