



Foro Interparlamentario de las Américas
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MOTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the United Nations:

- "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person" (Article 3);
- "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment" (Article 5);
- "Everyone charged with a crime is presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which all the guarantees necessary for his defense have been provided" (Article 11, paragraph 1) and
- "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion" (Article 18);

WHEREAS Pakistan is an active member of the United Nations since 1947;

WHEREAS, the international community has demonstrated its compassion and solidarity with the Pakistani people when it is faced with suffering, as was the case during the devastating floods during the summer of 2010;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas (FIPA) promotes the values of transparency and freedom of speech;

WHEREAS Ms. Asia Bibi has been detained since June 2009 in conditions unworthy of human beings without a fair trial and that her health has been compromised,

WE, the members of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas, representing parliamentarians from 35 countries in North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean, call on the Government of Pakistan to immediately release Ms Asia Bibi, to ensure her safety and wellbeing, to hear the outcry of the international community and to respect the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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