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The Hague, 12 December 2017

Subject: Invitation for documentary screening about forced conversions and child marriages of religious minorities in Pakistan

Dear Sir, Madam,

In Pakistan, at least 1.000 girls per year are victims of forced religious conversions and child marriages. The exact amount is expected to be much higher due of the fact that many cases are not reported. Often girls belonging to religious minorities are the victims.

Global Human Rights Defence (GHRD) is an international human rights organization focusing on the rights of religious minorities in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Since 2008, GHRD has received more than 300 individual cases of its local partners. These cases include kidnapping, forced conversions and child marriages of predominantly Christians, Hindus and other religious minorities. Please refer to the fact sheet in the attachment to learn more about the situation in Pakistan.

These awful cases do not get any (media) attention and thus stay unknown. Reasons for this are in particular the failing judicial system and the government which abstains from law enforcement. Also, the unlawful administering of the sharia works against the victims and their relatives.

It is imperative that this gruesome situation ends. GHRD therefore invites you to raise your awareness about these human rights violations by attending the screening of two documentaries and a Q&A-session. These short documentaries will be shown on Tuesday 12 December 2017, from 16:00 till 19:00 at Pathé Buitenhof, Buitenhof 20, The Hague. After the screening, you will be given the opportunity to interact with a human rights activist from Pakistan.

GHRD counts on your presence! On behalf of GHRD, I kindly request you to confirm your presence by sending an e-mail to info@ghrd.org. You must show a valid ID upon arrival.

It starts with awareness, let the victims know that they are not alone, together we stand stronger!

Yours sincerely,



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