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Your Excellency,

I welcome the release of human rights defender **Professor Muhammad Ismail** on 25 November 2019. But I am concerned that he continues to face arrest and prosecution for exercising his right to freedom of expression. The trumped-up charges against him under Pakistan's draconian Anti-Terrorism Act and Pakistan Electronic Crimes Act have not been dropped. Furthermore, he and his family continue to be the subject of an intense surveillance and harassment campaign.

Therefore, I call on you to immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against **Professor Ismail**, and to put a stop to the invasive surveillance of him and his family, designed to intimidate them into silence and create a sense of fear among Pakistan's already threatened human rights defenders.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,