

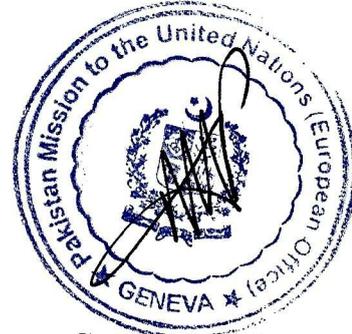
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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and has the honour to refer to communication UA PAK 1/2024 dated 17 April 2024.

The Permanent Mission has the further honour to attach the response of the Government of Pakistan to the communication under reference.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Encl: as above



Geneva, 26 January 2026

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Government response to UA PAK 1/2024 dated 17 April 2024

The Government of Pakistan, with reference to communication UA PAK 1/2024 dated 17 April 2024, submits that Mr. Anwar Kenneth was imprisoned and sentenced to death by the trial court, which was upheld by the Lahore High Court.

In compliance with Pakistan's constitutional and international obligations, specifically under Article 14(5) of International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Mr. Kenneth Anwar's appeal was reviewed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Upon judicial review, the Supreme Court of Pakistan overturned Mr. Kenneth's death sentence on 25 June 2025.

The Supreme Court's decision reflects the effective functioning of Pakistan's appellate and constitutional review mechanisms and underscores the availability of meaningful remedies within the domestic legal system.

As a constitutional democracy, Pakistan remains firmly committed to the rule of law, the protection of human rights, and the dignity of all persons without discrimination. Pakistan's legal system guarantees fundamental rights, ensures due process, and provides for robust judicial oversight at all levels. The independence and integrity of Pakistan's judiciary are well established, and its courts have a demonstrated record of upholding justice and fairness in accordance with the Constitution and the law.

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