

# International Development Committee

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From Sarah Champion MP, Chair

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon  
Minister for South Asia  
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office  
*By email*

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## Use of the death penalty in Pakistan

Dear Lord Ahmad,

I write regarding the use of the death penalty in Pakistan. The Committee understands that the Pakistani Government is considering resuming executions imminently. Pakistan has not carried out an execution since December 2019.

I would be grateful if you could make representations to your counterparts in Pakistan to underline the UK's objection to the use of the death penalty in all circumstances as a matter of principle.

The human rights situation in Pakistan continues to be of concern, and the Committee intends to continue its consideration of the situation as part of its ongoing inquiry into UK aid to Pakistan.

The Committee would welcome a response to this letter by 14 June 2021. The Committee intends to publish your response to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

**Sarah Champion MP**  
**Chair of the Committee**