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Dear Minister Plevris,

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the cessation of refugee status of human rights defender ***Javed Aslam****, President of the Pakistani Community of Greece.*

Javed Aslam has lived in Greece for nearly 30 years and is a well-known human rights defender, advocating for migrant and labour rights. He has established strong community and family ties in Greece. Since 2007, he has faced targeting by Pakistani authorities. Greek authorities have, in several instances, sought to end his status, placing him at risk of return to Pakistan. Despite this, Javed Aslam was ultimately recognized as a refugee in Greece in 2021.

In March 2026, his protection status was terminated, as Greek authorities argued that that the circumstances in Pakistan had changed for him, and he no longer required protection. Javed Aslam's case comes amid a broader escalation in Greece's increasingly hostile migration policies, following your Ministry's stated intention to terminate large numbers of protection decisions.

I am concerned that the decision to end Javed Aslam's refugee status seems to target his legitimate human rights and community work in Greece. Greek authorities have failed to demonstrate that his protection needs have ceased, particularly given the long-standing targeting he has faced at the hands of the Pakistani authorities. The decision also fails to consider ongoing human rights concerns in Pakistan, especially for human rights defenders. In addition, the measure would also uproot Javed Aslam from this political activism and would interfere with his family life, affecting his rights.

We therefore urge you to restore his international protection status or grant him an alternative secure status and immediately halt any deportation proceedings.

Yours sincerely,