



United Nations prize in the Field of Human Rights
Office of the high Commissioner for Human
Rights
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10

Utrecht, August 11th, 2008

Re: Endorsement of the nomination of Aitzaz Ahsan for the United Nations Prize in
the Field of Human Rights 2008

Dear Sir/Madam:

With this letter Aim for human rights wishes to express its strong support for the nomination of Mr. Aitzaz Ahsan for the 2008 United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights, which was jointly submitted by the Asian Legal Resource Centre and its sister organization the Asian Human Rights Commission.

Aim for human rights promotes the human rights of human rights defenders in Pakistan and is especially concerned with issues of enforced disappearances. An independent judiciary is essential for the protection of human rights defenders and other civilians against enforced disappearances as well as for the clarification of past cases including bringing the perpetrators to justice.

The commitment of the Lawyers Movement to insist on the clarification of enforced disappearances cases as well as to defend the independence of the judiciary serves as an example for other countries where the judiciary is under threat.

The exceptional courage that was shown by Mr. Aitzaz Ahsan –as summarized in the nomination petition submitted by ALRC/AHRC- deserves to be acknowledged.

Yours sincerely,

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Director

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