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**Re: Nomination by the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) and
the Asian Legal Resource Center (ALRC) of Aitzaz Ahsan for United
Nations Prize in The Field of Human Rights 2008**

Dear Sir, Madam,

This letter serves to inform you that Lawyers for Lawyers strongly supports 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 organisation the Asian Human Rights Commission.

Lawyers for Lawyers (*Stichting Advocaten voor Advocaten*) is committed to enable lawyers, throughout the world, to practice law without improper interference and to this end, supports lawyers who are under threat or attack in the exercise of their profession while working for the protection of human rights.

An independent judiciary is essential for the protection of the human rights of these groups.

The commitment of the Lawyers Movement to defend the independence of the judiciary serves as an example for human rights defenders in Pakistan and other countries in which the judiciary is under threat.

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

On behalf of the President of Lawyers for Lawyers, Phon van den Biesen,

Sincerely,



Adrie van de Streek, Executive Director
Lawyers for Lawyers Foundation

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