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PGA STATEMENT DECISION BY SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

PGA warmly welcomes the important decision taken at the end of last week by the Supreme Court of Pakistan to reinstate Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammed Chaudhry.

This landmark decision represents an important vindication of the separation of powers so essential for the proper functioning of a State and follows months of significant domestic turmoil and tragic loss of life.

PGA now encourages all political parties, unavoidably siderailed by these upheavals of the utmost gravity, to dedicate fully their attention to, and focus on, the upcoming elections and ensure that they are held in a free, fair, honest and peaceful manner.

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