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Parliamentarians for Global Action [PGA] an association of elected legislators from 131 countries around the world, notes with deep concern the deterioration of security, democratic governance and the rule of law in Pakistan.

PGA further notes yesterday's decision of the Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding the ineligibility for public office of the leaders of the largest opposition party in the country;

PGA further expresses deep unease at the subsequent declaration of emergency and Governor's rule in the Punjab, Pakistan's most populous province, and the suspension of the legislative powers of the Punjab Assembly for two months.

We urge the Government of Pakistan to restore immediately the full powers of the Punjab Assembly; and to ensure adherence to constitutional norms and procedures in expediting the restoration of the elected Punjab Government.

PGA will continue to monitor the situation and urges the Government of Pakistan and PGA members from all political parties in Pakistan to avoid the politics of confrontation, ensure the full application of Pakistan's constitution and its commitments under the United Nations Charter to preserve the civil, political and socio-economic rights of all its citizens.

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