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### **Condemning Action Taken By Brussels Authorities**

April 21, 2005: Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights in its press release strongly condemns the misbehavior of the Brussels authorities meted out with the visiting Pakistani parliamentary delegation. In fact, the decision taken by the European Committee on South Asia not to meet with Pakistani delegation in the presence of Senator Samiul Haq reflects the dual standards of the Commission adopted against the developing countries.

It is not a matter of mere fact that EU Commission never refused to meet with Senator Samiul Haq when the names of delegates were being finalized and it is also fact that Mr. Samiul Haq has visited several times in various European countries before this indecent incident. Therefore, the PCHR claims this incident as pre-planned and deliberate attempt to disgrace the honorable Senator and create bad image for Pakistan.

However, Maulana Hamid-ul-Haq Haqaani MNA member PCHR and Chairman NA Standing Committee and Chief Coordinator PCHR Mr. Shafique Choudhry maintained that these kind of acts whereas create bad image for European Union, it also an attempt towards widening the existing gulf between followers of various beliefs. He criticizes the European Union and Brussels authorities for adopting dual standards meanwhile declaring themselves as champion of democratic and human rights values. He declared that the decision of EU violates the basic human rights of Senator Samiul Haq and Pakistani delegation. He added that these kinds of acts encourage the extremist segments in the society and also create bad image of EU in the eyes of moderate people in our society. EU should have shown courage and resolve to listen and engage people of different faith and views, which is the essence and beauty of democratic values.

The Parliamentarians Commission demanded an impartial inquiry from the Belgium and EU authorities about the whole incident and also emphasized that in future EU and Brussels authorities must refrain from such indecent incidents, which can damage the relations of EU with the rest of developing countries particularly with Pakistan. Maulana Hamid-ul-Haq Haqaani and Mr. Shafique Chaudhry emphasized the European Union that in future these kind of incidents should not be happened again.

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