



Canadian Association of University Teachers
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His Excellency Imran Khan
Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Prime Minister's Office

Dear Prime Minister:

At the Council meeting of the Canadian Association of University Teachers held May 2-5, 2019 in Ottawa, Canada, delegates representing more than 72,000 academic and general staff from universities and colleges across the country unanimously passed a motion urging your government to uphold academic staff rights to freedom of association.

As mandated by the 1997 UNESCO Recommendation Concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel and other relevant International Labour Organization Conventions, representatives of teachers organizations and faculty councils should be "considered and recognized as a force which can contribute greatly to educational advancement and which should, therefore, be involved, together with other stakeholders and interested parties, in the determination of higher education policy."

The recognition of teachers' associations or faculty councils as bargaining agents for their members is the most effective means of advancing the standards of the profession, and contributing to the improvement of society through high quality public post-secondary education.

As well, faculty should be represented on in the statutory bodies like senate and syndicate both for public and private sector higher education institutions. This is necessary to better the academic, work and learning environments in the higher education institutions of Pakistan.

Yours sincerely,

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