

# EU says Pakistan needs to work more on human rights

*EU's Human Rights special representative lauds Pakistan for making new laws, calls for implementation*

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European Union's Special Representative for Human Rights Eamon Gilmore has lauded Pakistan for taking some forward steps regarding making new legislation, but said that the country needed to work on certain areas including human rights.

According to the office European Union in Islamabad, Gilmore referred to labor laws and said that women earned less than minimum wage in the textile sector. He said that a large number of children were out-of-school and were thrust into a cycle of disadvantage.

During his talk at the Islamabad Institute of Strategic Studies, Gilmore highlighted that EU engaged with the globe on basis of partnership and respect for human rights. He said that human rights belonged to the people everywhere in every country instead of a state.

He also talked of labor- and human rights-related matters with business representatives and civil rights organizations in Lahore and recognized the newly introduced Anti-Rape Law, Anti-Torture Law, Anti-Harassment at Workplace Law and the Journalist Protection Bill.

Gilmore also urged the Pakistan government to continue implementing laws to make substantial progress for the betterment of society.