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HEAD OF IRAN'S JUDICIARY BELGIUM

Dear Sir,

I urge you to release Vahid Afkari immediately as he is being arbitrarily detained for his peaceful participation in protests, quash his unjust convictions and sentences and drop all charges relating to the peaceful exercise of his human rights.

Vahid Afkari is being held in solitary confinement in Adelabad prison in Fars province and the large body of evidence proving his innocence is being ignored by the authorities. Pending his release, he must be held in conditions meeting international standards for the treatment of prisoners, with access to adequate healthcare – outside prison if necessary – and to his family.

Yours sincerely,

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**SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE
HONG KONG**

Dear Secretary,

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release human rights lawyer Chow Hang-tung and drop all charges against her, as she has been charged solely for peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Chow is serving 22 months in jail for peacefully remembering the victims of the Tiananmen Square crackdown in 1989. She is also facing further wrongful imprisonment for allegedly endangering national security through her entirely peaceful actions.

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**LYON PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
FRANCE**

Dear Prosecutor,

I am writing to demand full accountability for the death of Zineb Redouane, who was killed due to reckless use of tear gas grenades during a protest. All involved in her killing, including the police officer suspected of firing the grenade and his chain of command, must be held fully accountable.

I also call for the implementation of measures to ensure victims of unlawful use of force by police can obtain access to justice. Ensuring the end of impunity needs transparency through the publication of any complaints, investigations, prosecutions and convictions relating to the unlawful use of force by law enforcement officials.

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**PRESIDENT OF CUBA
CUBA**

Dear President,

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release prisoner of conscience Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara. All charges against him must be dropped, as he has been detained solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Luis Manuel's trial was unfair and took place behind closed doors without access for independent human rights monitors or journalists.

While being held in a maximum-security prison, Luis Manuel's health has reportedly deteriorated. Pending his release, please ensure that he is not ill-treated in detention, and has access to adequate healthcare and regular contact with his family and lawyers.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON
CAMEROON**

Your Excellency,

I am writing to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Dorgelesse Nguessan, who is detained solely for the peaceful exercise of her rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Dorgelesse was arrested in Douala, while attending her first ever protest. She had never been politically active, but her concerns about the state of Cameroon's economy led her to join the demonstrations.

Dorgelesse was found guilty of "insurrection, assembly, meetings and public demonstrations" and after an unfair trial by a military court she was sentenced to five years in prison. She must be freed and returned to her family, who rely on her as the main wage-earner.

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**MINISTER OF JUSTICE
BANGLADESH**

Honourable Minister,

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against Shahnewaz Chowdhury, who is charged under Bangladesh's Digital Security Act (DSA) and if convicted faces up to a decade in prison just for expressing his views on Facebook.

The DSA is being weaponized by the government and powerful non-state actors to stifle dissent, and the least powerful are disproportionately targeted. I call on you to repeal or amend the DSA and other domestic laws in line with international human rights standards on the right to freedom of expression.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE
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Your Excellency,

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against Joana Mamombe, Cecillia Chimbiri and Netsai Marova, charged solely for the peaceful exercise of their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Cecillia, Joana and Netsai were arbitrarily arrested following a protest in Harare, taken to a police station, and forcibly driven out of the city to a place where they were beaten and sexually assaulted. While still hospitalized, they were charged with offences related to the protest and later charged with faking their ordeal. To date, no one has been held accountable.

Cecillia, Joana and Netsai have suffered continuous harassment since their arrest and must be protected.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE OF PARAGUAY PARAGUAY

Your Excellency,

I call on you to guarantee all means to legally recognize the identities of Yren Rotela and Mariana Sepúlveda, two transgender women. Denying them the right to legally change their names and obtain identity documents matching their gender identity is discriminatory. It impacts their ability to gain equal education, employment, housing, healthcare, and further exposes them to violence, harassment and stigma.

In Paraguay, trans activists are silenced and their protests are often banned or attacked. I call on you to guarantee legal frameworks to end this discriminatory practice. Without legal gender recognition, a transgender person's ability to live in dignity, equality and security, and with the rights and protections afforded to other members of society, is severely compromised.

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**HEAD OF MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT
PALAIS ROYAL – TOUARGA
RABAT 10070
MOROCCO**

Your Excellency,

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Nasser Zefzafi and quash his unfair conviction, as he is imprisoned for exercising his right to protest.

Nasser is being held in terrible conditions, causing his health to deteriorate significantly. He is suffering from health conditions including respiratory and eyesight problems and nerve pain.

The prison authorities have denied him the medical care he needs. Pending his release, please ensure that Nasser is protected from torture and other ill-treatment and that he has access to adequate healthcare in prison.

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**THE PROSECUTOR OF SAINT PETERSBURG
2/9 POCHTAMTSKAYA STREET
SAINT PETERSBURG
190000
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Dear Prosecutor,

I call on you to ensure the release of Aleksandra Skochilenko, who is being detained for criticising Russia's war against Ukraine. Everyone has a right to freely express their opinions, including Aleksandra. All charges against her must be dropped and she should immediately and unconditionally be released from prison.

I also call on you to ensure that, pending her release, Aleksandra is held in conditions that comply with international standards, and she has access to adequate healthcare as well as the food she needs in relation to her medical condition. Aleksandra must also be protected from harassment by detention centre employees and her cellmates.

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