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Dear Minister Luisa María Alcalde Luján,

I'm writing to express my deep concern about the security situation of journalist, **Alberto Amaro Jordán**, director of the Mexican media outlet, La Prensa de Tlaxcala. Due to his work, Alberto has been the victim of several very serious attacks.

Despite these attacks and taking into consideration that Mexico is one of the world's most dangerous countries for journalists, Alberto Amaro has reported numerous failures in some of the protective measures granted to him by the federal Protection Mechanism. As of the end of February, the Mechanism has not fully addressed his concerns about his protection scheme.

I therefore urge you to immediately reassess Alberto Amaro's security situation, in consultation with him, guarantee that his existing protective measures are not withdrawn, and grant any additional measures that are needed to guarantee his safety, given the level of risk he faces, as well as ensuring that authorities investigate any attacks against him.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister of Justice and Human Rights
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Dear Minister Marcy Cláudio Lopes,

I am writing to you to express concern about the arbitrary detention and conviction of **Ana da Silva Miguel (AKA Neth Nahara)**, solely for peacefully exercising her human rights.

On August 13, Neth Nahara – an avid TikTok user - was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Services at 04 de Fevereiro International Airport, while preparing for a trip to Dubai. On August 14, she was summarily tried and sentenced to 6 months in prison for ‘outrage against the state, its symbols, and bodies’ and a fine of 1 million Kwanza (approximately 1,200 USD) for having made a live stream on August 12 on her TikTok account criticizing the president.

I urge you to ensure that Neth Nahara is immediately released, since her conviction and ongoing arbitrary detention stem from the peaceful exercise of her human rights. Pending her release, the authorities must also ensure she has immediate access to all necessary and adequate healthcare.

Yours sincerely,

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Amit Shah, Union Home Minister of India
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Dear Union Home Minister,

Since 2018, Indian authorities have arrested **16 activists** under a draconian anti-terror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in connection with the **Bhima Koregaon-Elgar Parishad** case.

The BK16 activists include poets, journalists, lawyers, professors, artists, and a Jesuit priest, who have been charged under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code and draconian UAPA, which has been abused to detain people for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression, assembly, and association.

Indian authorities must drop all charges against the 16 activists and immediately release the 12 who remain in detention; Pending their release, ensure that they are granted prompt, regular, and unrestricted access to medical care and other basic necessities; immediately stop the use of repressive legislation to clampdown on human rights defenders; Repeal or substantially amend the draconian Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Your Sincerely,

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Chief Procurator Chen Yong
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Dear Chief Procurator Chen,

In November 2023 **Chen Pinlin (陈品霖)**, also known as Plato, released the documentary “Urumqi Middle Road” (乌鲁木齐中路). This film records scenes from the nationwide “White Paper Movement”, a series of peaceful protests against three years of rolling lockdowns under China’s zero-COVID policy and the harsh environment of censorship and surveillance in China.

I am writing to express my grave concern for Chen’s well-being. On January 5, 2024, police in Shanghai arrested him for “picking quarrels and provoking trouble”. Chen is currently being held in pre-trial detention at the Baoshan Detention Center in Shanghai. While in custody, Chen is at risk of torture and other ill-treatment, as well as violations of his due process rights.

Chen Pinlin is being detained solely for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression. Therefore, I urge you to release Chen Pinlin immediately and unconditionally. Pending his release, I urge you to ensure he is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment. Finally, I urge you to stop threatening, harassing, and arresting Chen’s family, other individuals associated with the White Paper Movement, and anyone who peacefully exercises their rights to freedom of expression and association.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Minister Kassogué,

I am concerned about the arbitrary detention and unlawful conviction of **Professor Étienne Fakaba Sissoko** to two years in jail, one of which was suspended.

On March 25, 2024, the Judicial Investigation Brigade arrested Étienne Fakaba Sissoko, a university professor, economist, activist, and author, at his home in Bamako. Two days later, he was charged with "harming the reputation of the state", "defamation", and "dissemination of false news disturbing the public peace". The charges are related to his book, "Propaganda, Agitation and Harassment – government communication during the transition in Mali", published in December 2023, in which he was critical of Mali's military authorities.

Amnesty International believes Etienne Sissoko was sentenced solely because of his activism and criticism, in violation of his rights to freedom of expression.

Therefore, I call upon you to ensure the Malian authorities immediately and unconditionally release Étienne Fakaba Sissoko and quash his conviction. Pending his release, I urge you to ensure that he has access to his lawyers and family.

Yours sincerely,

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Military Advocate General
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Dear Brig. Gen. Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi,

I am deeply concern over the enforced disappearance of **Haitham Abdelwahedm** and **Nidal alWaheidi**, two journalists from the occupied Gaza Strip whose whereabouts have remained unknown since October 7, 2023. The detention of the two journalists was widely documented as they were reporting from Beit Hanoun/Erez crossing. Two-and-a-half months since the two went missing while on duty, their families, colleagues, and friends have received no information about them.

As recently as December 18, the Israeli army told Israeli daily, Haaretz that a “number of” detainees from the Gaza Strip died in custody at the military detention facilities in the Beersheba Airfield, also known as Sdeh Teyman, where hundreds of Palestinians from Gaza are held in conditions that violate the prohibition of torture and other ill-treatment.

We urge you to immediately disclose the whereabouts of Nidal al-Waheidi and Haitham Abdelwahed, detail the legal grounds for their detention, ensure their humane treatment, including access to medical services and protection from torture and other ill-treatment, and grant them access to the lawyers appointed by their families. Unless they are charged promptly with a criminal offense and granted a fair trial in accordance with international standards, they must be immediately released.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Secretary Ma,

I am writing to express concern about Uyghur student **Kamile Wayit (卡米莱.瓦依提)**, who was sentenced under the charge of “promoting extremism” on March 25, 2023. A spokesperson from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed the news of her conviction to *The Economist* magazine in early June 2023. Kamile was sentenced to 3 years in prison and is being held at Mush Women's Prison in Kashgar.

Kamile Wayit is a former student at the Shangqiu Institute of Technology in Henan, majoring in pre-school education. She was taken away on December 12, 2022, by the police after returning home to Atush, Xinjiang for a holiday. It is believed that her detention may be related to a video she posted on WeChat in November 2022 about the protests that took place across China to commemorate the victims of an apartment fire in Urumqi. Kamile should be released immediately as she was only peacefully exercising her rights to freedom of expression.

I therefore urge you to:

- Immediately release Kamile Wayit, unless there is sufficient, credible and admissible evidence that she has committed an internationally recognizable criminal offense;
- Pending her release, ensure that Kamile Wayit has access to adequate medical care, and she is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment;

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Minister of Justice,

I am writing to express my concern that the Specialized Criminal Court in Saudi Arabia has sentenced 29-year-old fitness instructor and women's rights activist, Manahel al-Otaibi, to 11 years in prison on "terrorist offenses" after a secret trial.

Manahel al-Otaibi was arrested on November 16, 2022 and charged with violating the Anti-Cyber Crime Law for tweeting hashtags in support of women's rights and posting photos on Snapchat of herself at the mall wearing "immodest" clothing. On April 14, 2024, after a period more than five months of enforced disappearance, Manahel al-Otaibi called her family to inform them that she is being held in solitary confinement in al-Malaz Prison with a broken leg after being brutally beaten, and without access to medical care.

I urge you to order the immediate and unconditional release of Manahel al-Otaibi, as she has been convicted solely for peacefully exercising her right to freedom of expression. Pending her release, she must be granted immediate access to medical care, and her allegations of torture and other ill-treatment must be impartially investigated.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Director Yermagenovich,

I am deeply concerned by the unjust imprisonment and alleged ill-treatment of a RusNews journalist **Maria Ponomarenko**. Since her arrest in 2022 there have been multiple reports of her ill-treatment and arbitrary punishment in custody in IK-6 (Shipunovo) and SIZO-1 and SIZO-2 in Barnaul.

Maria suffers from claustrophobia and other mental health conditions and cannot safely be placed in solitary confinement. During her previous placement in a punishment cell her mental health deteriorated, and she attempted suicide. She went on hunger strike after being placed in solitary confinement to protest her undignified treatment by the prison authorities. This ill-treatment by the prison authorities under your control puts Maria Ponomarenko's health, both physical and mental, as well as her life at risk. It violates her human rights and I'm concerned this is being carried out as a form of reprisal for her expressing her anti-war views.

I urge you to release Maria Ponomarenko immediately and unconditionally. In the meantime, I request that you use your existing powers to ensure that the ill-treatment of Maria Ponomarenko is immediately stopped and that her treatment in any prison institution, as well as while in transit between them, complies with international law and standards.

Yours Sincerely,

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Salutation: Dear Ambassador Anatoly I. Antonov

Mr José Luis Cipolletti,
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Dear Head Prosecutor Jose Luis Cipolletti,

I am concerned over the prosecution of **Pierina Nochetti** for allegedly painting graffiti on a public wall with the question “Where is Tehuel?”. This question has been a wide call of a collective claim for justice in the disappearance of a 21-year-old trans man when he was on his way to a job interview in 2021.

Pierina is an artist, educator, mother, the main provider for her family, and an employee of the local government, where she had already faced administrative reprisals for her activism during the 2022 Pride Parade, including salary reduction. I fear she is targeted for her activism on LGBTI+ rights, as well as for her gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. Pierina is at greater risk of discrimination due to her identity.

I call on you to drop the charge of “aggravated damage” against Pierina Nochetti as it appears to be an unnecessary and disproportionate restriction on the right to freedom of expression. Imposing such charges on human rights defenders for freely expressing themselves sends a chilling message that could further curtail the right to protest peacefully.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei,

Well-known Iranian rapper and hip-hop artist **Toomaj Salehi** has been targeted solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression by supporting the Woman Life Freedom protests in Iran and criticizing the Iranian government's human rights violations. After his arrest in October 2022, he was held in prolonged solitary confinement and reportedly subjected to severe torture, resulting in a number of serious injuries including broken bones.

After grossly unfair legal proceedings he was sentenced to more than six years in prison and a ban on his artistic activities. In April 2024 a Revolutionary Court in Esfahan sentenced him to death on the charge of "corruption on earth." This death sentence was overturned by Iran's Supreme Court in June 2024 but Toomaj Salehi remains in Esfahan Central Prison and is facing a suite of spurious new charges including "spreading propaganda against the system," "insulting religious sanctities," and "spreading lies with the intention of disturbing public opinion" which could result in the imposition of a long prison sentence.

I am writing to you urge that all charges against Toomaj Salehi be dropped and that he be immediately and unconditionally released. Pending his release, I urge that he be treated humanely, that he be provided with any necessary medical care, and that he be given regular access to a lawyer of his choosing and to his family.

Yours Sincerely,

Your School Board
Your School District
Local State Representative
Town/City Mayor

Dear (insert proper title),

I am writing in response to the alarming book bans that have recently been enacted in public libraries and schools across the United States. These bans represent a grave threat to the freedom to read and to learn, much to the detriment of students in our community.

Widespread efforts throughout the U.S. that permit state and municipal-sponsored censorship through book bans on content related to race, gender, sexuality, and LGBTQIA+ subject matter restrict the right to freedom of expression. They also deny equal access to all, jeopardizing community members' right to education and right to health, among other rights.

Removing and banning books from public libraries is a slippery slope to government censorship and erodes the U.S. government's obligation to respect, protect and fulfill the right to freedom of expression.

Under human rights law, governments have obligations to set a framework for conduct that enables people's enjoyment of their rights.

We urge you to resist these dangerous bans, and instead pledge your support for additional resources to enrich the quality and variety of educational materials in our libraries and classes.

Further, Amnesty International is concerned about the targeting of librarians and teachers in light of the publications they use to support their professional responsibilities, including elevated incidents of threats & harassment as well as police reports filed against library staff regarding books available for circulation. These reports mirror serious challenges to freedom of expression found in authoritarian regimes elsewhere in the world.

Sincerely yours,