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Freedom for AHMED MANSOOR !

Your Excellency

On 29 May, the State Security Chamber of the Federal Appeal Court in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) sentenced prominent Emirati human rights defender Ahmed Mansoor to 10 years in prison and a fine of 1,000,000 Emirati Dirham on charges including "insulting the UAE and its symbols". He is a prisoner of conscience.

Im calling on you, to

* to quash the conviction and sentence and release Ahmed Mansoor immediately and unconditionally, as he is a prisoner of conscience detained solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression, including through his human rights work;
* to disclose, pending his release, his exact whereabouts, and ensure that he is held in an official place of detention and he is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment;
* to ensure he has immediate and regular access to a lawyer of his choosing, his family, and any healthcare he may require.

Yours sincerely

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