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Your Excellency,

**I write to you to urge you to immediately release Abir Moussi and drop all criminal charges against her as they are based solely on the exercise of her human rights. She has been sentenced to two years in prison under Decree-Law 2022-54 on cybercrimes.**

On 5 August 2024, The Tunis Court of First Instance sentenced Abir Moussi to two years in prison based on public statements she had made in November 2022 and January 2023 criticizing the legislative electoral process under Decree-Law 54 following a complaint filed by the High Independent Authority for Elections (ISIE). Abir Moussi is also facing a separate investigation for exercising her rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and expression based on protests that she led or statements that she made.

Criticism of the authorities is protected speech under Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Article 9 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights to which Tunisia is a state party.

**I urge you to immediately release Abir Moussi and drop all charges against her as they stem solely from her peaceful political activism. Pending her release, she must be granted regular access to her family, lawyers and adequate healthcare, and held in conditions that comply with international standards for the treatment of prisoners.**

Yours sincerely,

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