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Your Majesty,

**I am distressed to learn that the State Security Court (SSC) in Jordan has convicted political activist and mathematics professor, Ayman Sanduka, of «incitement to oppose the political regime» solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression on social media.**

On 21 December 2023, the State Security Court prosecutor summoned and detained Ayman Sanduka in relation to a letter he posted on Facebook in October 2023 addressed to Your Majesty in which he criticized Jordan’s diplomatic relations with Israel. On 7 January 2025, the State Security Court convicted Ayman Sanduka of «incitement to oppose the political regime», under article 149 of the Penal Code and article 15 of the Cybercrimes Law and sentenced him to five years in prison.

Ayman Sanduka’s detention stems solely from the legitimate exercise of his right to freedom of expression. Arrest or detention as punishment for the legitimate exercise of human rights, including the right to freedom of expression, is arbitrary and violates Jordan’s obligations under international law, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

**I urge you to ensure that Ayman Sanduka is immediately and unconditionally released as he has been convicted solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression. Pending his release, I urge you to ensure that he is protected from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and has access to adequate medical care on request or as necessary.**

Yours sincerely,

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