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His Excellency Dr Emmanuel Uduaghan  
Governor of Delta State  
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**MOSES AKATUGBA – TORTURED, BEATEN AND SENTENCED TO DEATH**

Your Excellency,

Last year, Moses Akatugba was sentenced to death for armed robbery, a crime he says he didn't commit. He was just 16 when he was arrested in 2005, and says he was beaten repeatedly by police officers with machetes and batons. He told Amnesty that they tied him and hung him up for several hours, and then used pliers to pull out his toe and finger nails. He was then forced to sign two pre-written confessions.

Moses was just a boy when he was arrested. What's more, under international law, he should not have been sentenced to death, as he was a child at the time of the crime.

I am therefore calling on you to :

- **commute his sentence so he doesn't face death;**
- **fully investigate Moses' allegations that he was tortured.**

Yours sincerely

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His Majesty King Abdullah bin Abdul  
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**RAIF BADAWI – PRISON AND 1000 LASHES FOR SETTING UP A WEBSITE**

Your Excellency,

Raif Badawi was jailed for 10 years in May 2014 after starting a website for social and political debate in Saudi Arabia. He was charged with creating the ‘Saudi Arabian Liberals’ website and insulting Islam. His sentence also included 1,000 lashes, a 10-year travel ban, and a ban on appearing on media outlets.

The charges related to articles Raif wrote criticising religious authorities in Saudi Arabia, as well as pieces written by others which were published on his website. The prosecution had called for him to be tried for ‘apostasy’ (when a person abandons their religion), which carries the death sentence.

Raif is one of many activists in Saudi Arabia persecuted for expressing their views online. Facebook and Twitter are incredibly popular in a country where people can’t voice their opinions openly in public. The authorities have responded to this increase in online debate by monitoring social media sites and even trying to ban applications such as Skype and WhatsApp.

I am therefore calling on you to :

- **release Raif Badawi immediately, to drop all charges against him and quash his sentence;**
- **refrain from carrying out the flogging punishment.**

Yours sincerely,

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**CHELSEA MANNING – JAILED AFTER EXPOSING POSSIBLE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES**

Your Excellency,

US Army Private Chelsea Manning was sentenced to 35 years in prison on 21 August 2013, after leaking classified US government material to the website Wikileaks. Some of the documents pointed to potential human rights violations and breaches of humanitarian law by US troops abroad, as well as by Afghan and Iraqi forces operating alongside the US army, and the CIA.

Chelsea says she was trying to spark a meaningful debate on the costs of war and raise awareness of US military conduct in Iraq and Afghanistan. But she wasn't allowed as part of her defence to say that she was acting in the public interest. What's more, further unnecessary charges were brought against her, including 'aiding the enemy'. Such charges appeared to be an attempt to put off future whistleblowers seeking to expose government wrongdoing.

While awaiting trial, Chelsea was detained for three years, and spent eleven months in conditions described by a UN torture expert as 'cruel and inhumane'. These included being confined for 23 hours a day to a small cell with no window to the outside.

I am therefore calling on you to

- **ensure that Chelsea Manning is released immediately;**
- **ensure that any serious abuses she exposed are promptly and effectively investigated;**
- **protect whistleblowers who reveal information the public has a right to know.**

Yours sincerely,

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### **ERKIN MUSAEV – TORTURED AND JAILED AFTER THREE UNFAIR TRIALS**

Your Excellency,

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Erkin Musaev, a former Uzbekistani Ministry of Defence official, was sentenced to 20 years in jail in 2007 after a series of unfair trials. He was arrested the previous year while working for a UN agency, and charged with spying and misusing UN funds, which he has flatly denied.

Relatives told Amnesty that Erkin suffered a month of daily beatings, nightly interrogations and threats against his family before eventually signing a confession, on the condition his family would be left alone.

Erkin faced three separate trials, and in all of them the court admitted into evidence confessions that had been obtained after Uzbekistani security forces had tortured him. The judge also refused him permission to call defence witnesses.

I am therefore calling on you to:

- **release Erkin Musaev on the grounds that repeated calls for a fair retrial have been ignored for eight years;**
- **fully investigate the allegations that Erkin was tortured in custody.**

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Yours sincerely,

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## LIU PING – JAILED AND TORTURED FOR FIGHTING CORRUPTION

Your Excellency

Human rights campaigner Liu Ping was sentenced to six-and-a-half years in prison in 2014, after organising an event which called on the Chinese Government to step up its fight against corruption. She is one of many in China persecuted for their links with the New Citizens' Movement, a network of human rights activists. Liu Ping has tried to tackle corruption by pushing for government officials to make their assets – such as property and investments – public. In her trial, she was found guilty of 'picking quarrels and provoking trouble', 'gathering a crowd to disturb order in a public place', and 'using an evil cult to undermine law enforcement'. Liu Ping states that she was tortured while in detention.

Liu Ping's sentence is part of a wider crackdown on the New Citizens' Movement, which encourages people to participate in society and hold meetings to discuss social issues. Her case highlights the hypocrisy of Chinese Government officials, who claim to be clamping down on corruption yet persecute those who try to expose it.

I am therefore calling on you to

- **release Liu Ping immediately and unconditionally, as she has been imprisoned solely for exercising her rights ;**
- **ensure that Liu Ping is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment in prison, and is allowed access to her family and any medical treatment that she may require.**

Yours sincerely,

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Señor Presidente / Dear President

**Re: Daniel Quintero**

I am very concerned for Daniel Quintero, a 21-year-old who was beaten, intimidated and threatened with rape by members of Venezuela's national guard, after he was arrested on the way home from an anti-government demonstration in February 2014.

I call on you to

- **investigate thoroughly, independently and impartially Daniel Quintero's complaint of being subject to torture and ill-treatment and ensure all those responsible are brought to justice ;**
- **guarantee that people can exercise their right to freedom of expression and assembly without fear of reprisals.**

Yours sincerely,

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