Head of the Judiciary, Ebrahim Raisi C/o Permanent Mission of Iran to the UN Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 28 1209 Geneva, Switzerland

Date:

## Yasaman Aryani - IRAN

Dear Mr Raisi,

Yasaman Aryani and her mother, Monireh Arabshahi, were sentenced to a shocking 16 years in prison for campaigning against discriminatory forced veiling laws. They were arrested in April 2019 in relation to a video that showed them without headscarves on a women-only train handing out flowers on International Women's Day. This brave act, where Yasaman spoke of her hope for a future when all women in Iran would have the freedom to choose what to wear, was shared in a video that went viral on social media.

I urge you to release Yasaman Aryani and her mother Monireh Arabshahi, immediately and unconditionally as they are prisoners of conscience, jailed solely for their human rights work. Until they are released, please ensure they have regular contact with a lawyer of their choosing. I also urge you to stop criminalizing the work of women's rights defenders and abolish forced veiling laws.

Yours sincerely

Xi Jinping Président de la République populaire de Chine Zhongnanhai Xichang'anjie Xichengqu, Beijing Shi 100017 Chine

Date:

Yiliyasijiang Reheman - CHINA

Dear President Xi,

In 2017, Yiliyasijiang Reheman was studying at a university in Egypt and looking after his growing family. Then, in July of that year, people from your government pressured the Egyptian government to round up hundreds of Uyghur people in Egypt. Yiliyasijiang was among them. It is likely that Yiliyasijiang is now in one of your country's secret internment camps, where numerous human rights violations are taking place.

It is shocking and not right that up to one million mainly Muslim people have been taken away from their families and locked up in these camps since 2017. Please release Yiliyasijiang Reheman immediately and unconditionally and return him to his family – he has done nothing wrong.

Yours sincerely

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#### Ibrahim Ezz El-Din – EGYPT

Dear Sir,

I am concerned for the life and safety of Human Rights researcher, Ibrahim Ezz El-Din. On the evening of 11 June 2019, Ibrahim was walking home when four security officers dressed in plain clothes surrounded him and arrested him. When Ibrahim's family and lawyers asked where he was, police denied that he was ever detained.

Ibrahim is the fifth person linked with his organization, the Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms, to have been arrested in just three years. Hundreds like Ibrahim have been forcibly disappeared. They are held in secret detention for months, without ever being brought to trial and with no access to their lawyers or families and no external judicial oversight, where they at a higher risk of torture and mistreatment. Many have been arrested simply for expressing their opinions peacefully, criticising the authorities, or standing up for human rights. This pattern of abuse must end.

Please reveal where Ibrahim is, give him access to his family and lawyers and ensure that he is protected from torture and mistreatment. Release Ibrahim unless he is charged with an internationally recognized crime.

Yours sincerely

# **Greek Minister of Citizen Protection**

Michalis Chrisochoidis Ministry of Citizen Protection P. Kanellopoulou 4, 101 77, Athens, Greece

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## Sarah Mardini and Seán Binder - GREECE

Dear Minister

It is shocking that in Greece you can go to jail for saving lives. This is what happened to rescue workers Sarah Mardini and Seán Binder. They volunteered for a sea search and rescue organization in Lesvos and helped people in danger at sea. But they ended up in prison charged with spying, people smuggling and belonging to a criminal organization, until they were released on bail in December 2018 while awaiting trial.

No government should ever make criminals of people helping refugees, instead of doing more to protect a refugee's right to find a safe place to live. When people need to escape conflict, torture or other abuses in their countries, they often have no option but to make highly dangerous journeys to reach safety.

Please ensure that all charges against Sarah Mardini and Seán Binder are immediately dropped and acknowledge the legitimacy of humanitarian actions and the activities carried out by people acting in defense of refugee and migrant rights.

Yours Sincerely

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Lic. Mauricio Vila Dosal Governor of Yucatán State Palacio de Gobierno Calle 61 x 60 y 62 Col. Centro, C.P. 97000 Mérida, Yucatán México

## José Adrián – MEXICO

Dear Governor

José Adrián was simply walking home from school when he stumbled onto the aftermath of a clash between a group of youths that ended up damaging a police car. The police jumped him and threw him against their car. Aged just 14 at the time, police arrested him with no explanation and never called his parents. They took him to the police station and tortured him there. His hearing disability could have prevented him to communicate well with police during his ordeal

We ask you to make sure Adrián gets full reparations for the human rights violations he suffered and promote justice on his case.

Yours sincerely