President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi Office of the President Al Ittihadia Palace Cairo ÄGYPTEN

Dear President,

On 29 September 2019, dual Egyptian-British national activist Alaa Abdel Fattah was arrested at a police station in the Dokki district of Cairo. On the same day, his lawyer Mohamed Baker was also arrested when he tried to represent Alaa Abdel Fattah at the prosecutor's office. Both are prisoners of conscience to date.

On 20 December 2021, in an unfair trial, an emergency court sentenced Alaa Abdel Fattah and Mohamed Baker to five and four years imprisonment, respectively, over spurious charges of "spreading false news" solely for exercising their human rights.

This is why I hereby call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Alaa Abdel Fattah and Mohamed Baker. Pending their release, I urge you to ensure that they are held in conditions meeting international standards, protected from torture and other ill-treatment and that they are allowed to regularly communicate with their families and lawyers. Please ensure that Alaa Abdel Fattah has access to qualified health professionals providing health care in compliance with medical ethics, including the principles of confidentiality, autonomy, and informed consent. Also, Alaa Abdel Fattah should immediately be allowed to get into contact with representatives from the British embassy.

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