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Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to bring to your attention the case of Chhim Sithar, who was sentenced to two years in prison on 25 May solely because of her trade union activities.

A Phnom Penh court found the trade unionist guilty of "incitement to commit a felony or disturb social security" under criminal code articles 494 and 495 and sentenced her to two years in prison, while eight other union members received sentences of one to one-and-a-half years. Chhim Sithar has been imprisoned since 26 November 2022. She and her eight fellow union members were prosecuted solely for exercising their basic rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly.

I urge you to immediately quash the convictions and unconditionally release Chhim Sithar and her fellow union members. Please also make sure that she and other trade union members are protected in accordance with Cambodia's responsibilities under international human rights laws.

Yours sincerely,

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