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Your Excellency,

Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức is serving a 16-year prison sentence followed by 5 years of house arrest. On 20 January 2010, he was found guilty of "activities attempting to overthrow the government" under Article 79 of Vietnam's 1999 Criminal Code. He had blogged about political and economic issues in Vietnam. During his trial, he claimed that he was tortured in order to extract a confession.

He has made multiple unsuccessful requests for the remaining prison time to be waived. Multiple times, Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức went on hunger strike, which has negatively impacted his overall health.

I therefore urge you to apply Vietnam's law and amnesty mechanism to immediately release Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức.

Pending his release, please ensure that he is treated in accordance with the UN's Nelson Mandela Rules for the treatment of prisoners, that he is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment, and that he has access to adequate medical treatment. He should also be moved to a prison nearer his family. He must also be granted contact with his family and lawyers.

Yours sincerely,

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