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Your Excellency,

I am writing to draw your attention to the case of investigative journalist Omar Radi. On 3 March 2022, the Appeals Court in Casablanca upheld his six-year prison sentence on espionage and rape charges after a trial marred by blatant breaches of due process rights. At the time of the initiation of the investigation against him in June 2020, Omar Radi was conducting an investigation into the unlawful tribal land expropriation in the rural commune of Ouled Sbita.

Before his arrest in July 2020, Omar Radi had been repeatedly harassed by the Moroccan authorities because of his journalistic work criticizing human rights violations and exposing corruption.

I respectfully urge you to take all necessary steps to grant Omar Radi a fair retrial in accordance with international fair trial standards and to ensure he is immediately provided an opportunity for his ongoing detention to be reviewed by a court.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely

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