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Dear Mr Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei,

I wish to draw your attention to university students Ali Younesi and Amir Hossein Moradi who are arbitrarily detained in section 209 of Evin prison. Following their arrest on 10 April 2020, they were held in solitary confinement for 60 days. Both have reported being beaten by Ministry of Intelligence agents who interrogated them without their lawyers present and forced them to make "confessions". Ali Younesi reported being denied adequate healthcare for injuries to his eye sustained during beatings. On 3 July 2021, the two were accused of, among other things, "corruption on earth", which carries the death penalty.

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally release Ali Younesi and Amir Hossein Moradi. Pending this, I ask you to ensure that they are protected from torture and other ill-treatment, provided urgently with medical care, and given access to their families and a lawyer of their choosing. I also urge you to open an independent investigation into allegations that the two were beaten upon arrest and held in conditions violating the absolute prohibition of torture and other ill-treatment with a view of bringing those responsible to justice in proceedings meeting international standards of fair trial.

Thank you for your attention. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,