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Your Excellency,

I'm writing to draw your attention to the case of Hồ Duy Hải.

Arrested in March 2008 at the age of 23, Hồ Duy Hải was convicted nine months later, on 1 December 2008, by the People's Court of Long An in Viet Nam and sentenced to death.

Allegedly forced to "confess" to the crime through torture, Hồ Duy Hải's case has been tainted by further procedural irregularities. The Committee on Judicial Affairs of the National Assembly, which investigates claims of miscarriages of justice, has concluded that both the courts of first instance and appeal had committed serious violations of criminal procedural law and urged for his case to be reviewed in line with Article 273 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

I would like to ask you to quash Hồ Duy Hải's conviction and death sentence, which resulted from proceedings that did not meet international standards for a fair trial;

Please establish a moratorium on all executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,

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