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Your Majesty,

On 6 May 2019 the Court of Cassation upheld Ali Mohamed Hakeem al-Arab and Ahmed Issa Ahmed al-Malali's convictions and death sentences. The Fourth High Criminal Court in Bahrain had convicted the two men of offences which include "forming and joining a 'terrorist' group", after a mass trial involving sixty people in January 2018. A year later, on 28 January 2019 their sentences were upheld on appeal. Security officers tortured and ill-treated the two men to force them to sign "confessions" they had not read. In a letter on 21 May 2019, five UN human rights experts urged the Government of Bahrain to "immediately halt the executions of the two men, to annul the death sentences against them and to ensure that they are retried in accordance with international law and standards." Therefore, I respectfully urge you to:

- Do not ratify the death sentences imposed on the two men and ensure that they are not executed;
- Order a retrial that fully complies with international fair trial standards, excludes evidence obtained under torture and without recourse to the death penalty;
- Carry out an independent and impartial investigation into their allegations of torture;
- Commute all death sentences to terms of imprisonment and immediately establish an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,

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