Innenminister Amit Shah Ministry of Home Affairs North Block New Delhi – 110001 INDIEN

Dear Home Minister,

I write to express my deep concern over the situation of the activists knows as "Bhima Koregaon 11" – Sudha Bharadwaj, Shoma Sen, Surendra Gadling, Mahesh Raut, Arun Ferreira, Sudhir Dhawale, Rona Wilson, Vernon Gonsalves, Varavara Rao, Anand Teltumbde and Gautam Navlakha – for their alleged involvement in the violence that erupted between Dalits and Hindu nationalists in January 2018 in Bhima Koregaon, Maharashtra.

I therefore urge you to ensure that the activists are immediately released. Please also ensure that all activists, human rights defenders, academics and members of the political opposition are able to exercise their rights to freedom of expression and freedom of association.

Yours sincerely,

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