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Your Excellency,

Chau Van Kham, a 71-year-old baker from Australia, was detained within hours of arriving in Vietnam in 2019 and sentenced to 12 years in prison for being a member of "a terrorist group". Since his arrest more than 18 months ago, the Vietnamese authorities have repeatedly denied Chau Van Kham his human rights, contrary to the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules).

Prior to his arrest, Chau Van Kham has suffered from several different health problems. Without access to his family or a lawyer, there is no way to monitor his health and ensure that he receives adequate medical care.

Mr Chau is considered a prisoner of conscience, and I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release him so that he can be safely reunited with his family in Australia. Pending his release, he must be granted access to the necessary health care.

Sincerely,

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