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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you in concern of moroccan journalist and government critic Omar Radi. He is currently serving a six-year prison sentence. After almost a year in pre-trial detention in solitary confinement and an unfair trial, in July 2021 the Moroccan authorities sentenced Omar Radi to six-years in prison on charges of espionage and rape.

Omar's only witness in this case, journalist Imad Stitou, was later prosecuted as his accomplice and sentenced to a six-months' suspended sentence.

The Moroccan authorities have been harassing Omar Radi since the publication in June 2020 of an Amnesty International report revealing they had unlawfully spied on him through his phone. Omar Radi is a vocal critic of the government's human rights record and has investigated corruption by the authorities.

Please ensure Omar Radi is acquitted of the espionage charges as it relates to the legitimate exercise of his journalistic activity. I also ask you to ensure that the journalist is granted a fair retrial.

Yours sincerely,

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