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Your Excellency,

In 2013, Sahrawi activist Mohamed Lamine Haddi was sentenced to 25 years in prison in the unfair Gdeim Izik mass trial, along with 19 other individuals. They were tried in a military court, which relied heavily on their confessions extracted under torture. He has been held in solitary confinement in Tiflet II prison, Rabat, since September 2017, and has no contact with other inmates. Prison guards have also subjected Mohamed to regular verbal abuse, including death and torture threats.

Ever since his hunger strike at the beginning of 2021, Mohamed Lamine Haddi's health has severely deteriorated. However, the authorities have denied him access to adequate medical care, as well as to medicine he needs, and his lawyers and family have been banned from seeing him since March 2020. Earlier this month, he told his sister via phone that he plans on starting another hunger strike to protest his detention conditions and denial of access to medical care. There are therefore serious concerns for his health should he chose to go on hunger strike again.

I urge you to take all necessary steps to end the solitary confinement of Mohamed Lamine Haddi and other Gdeim Izik prisoners and ensure that their detention conditions conform to international standards, as well as to grant Mohamed immediate access to adequate medical care. Finally, I further urge you to hold a fair retrial for Mohamed Lamine Haddi and the other Gdeim Izik prisoners, in line with international standards.

Yours sincerely,

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