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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Ambassador,

Mustafa al-Mutawakel, is a 61-year-old father of five, professor of Economics at Sana'a University and Chairman of the General Authority for Investment in Sana'a. He was arrested 27 April at al-Falaj checkpoint in the governorate of Ma'rib, on his way back from a conference in Morocco. The reason for his arrest remains unclear. He has since been held incommunicado with no access to a lawyer or any member of his family, raising fears that he might be at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

According to his family, Mustafa al-Mutawakel was allowed one phone call on the day of his arrest to his wife. During the brief call, he informed her that he had been detained by the internationally recognized Yemeni government forces (also known as al-Shar'ia) in the governorate of Ma'rib.

I call on you to release Mustafa al-Mutawakel immediately, unless he is promptly transferred to proper judicial authorities and charged with a recognizable criminal offence, in line with international law and standards.

In the meantime, I urge you to ensure that he is granted immediate access to the medical treatment he requires, prompt and regular access to his family and a lawyer of his choosing, and ensure he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

Sincerely,

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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