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**Omoyele Sowore, Agba Jalingo, Olawale Bakare**

Dear Minister,

On 3 August 2019, civil rights activist, *Omoyele Sowore* was arrested and detained for organizing a protest – tagged ‘#RevolutionNow’ – to demand for a better Nigeria. He is standing trial alongside two others. *Olawale Bakare*, a young student who was also arrested in the #RevolutionNow protests of August 2019 and detained for 120 days. *Agba Jalingo*, a vocal journalist is also standing trial for exposing the corruption of Cross River State Governor. If found guilty of the charges – which have been trumped-up solely in an effort to silence and deter dissenting voices – *Omoyele Sowore, Agba Jalino* and *Olawale Bakare* would be at risk of the death penalty.

For over one year, *Omoyele Sowore, Agba Jalingo* and *Olawale Bakare* have suffered from a prolonged trial. *Omoyele Sowore* escaped a physical attack at his home where he currently resides in Abuja. *Olawale Bakare* has suffered physical assault, threats of re-arrest (even while on bail) while *Agba Jalingo* has suffered harassment from security officials for refusing to give up on his report of corruption of Cross River State Governor.

I urge you to take all necessary steps to drop all charges against *Omoyele Sowore, Agba Jalingo* and *Olawale Adebayo* and to take necessary steps to ensure they are protected from harassment.

Yours sincerely,