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**Gao Zhisheng**

Dear Minister,

Human rights advocate *Gao Zhisheng* has represented human rights defenders in court and taken on politically sensitive cases. On 13 August 2017, *Gao Zhisheng* was reported missing after his wife Geng He, was unable to reach him for two days. His commitment to human rights has made him well-known in China. As the authorities refuse to disclose his whereabouts, he has since been considered a victim of enforced disappearance at risk of torture or ill-treatment. His family still knows nothing about his health or the reasons for his detention. *Gao Zhisheng* has been a victim of enforced disappearance and was detained as a nonviolent political prisoner before.

Please disclose the whereabouts of *Gao Zhisheng* and ensure that he is released immediately and unconditionally. Ensure that the human rights defender is not tortured or ill-treated in detention. He must also be granted regular unrestricted contact with his family, legal counsel of his choice, and appropriate medical care until his release.

Yours sincerely,