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Toffiq al-Bihani

Dear Secretary of State,

*Toffiq al-Bihani* has been held at Guantánamo Bay detention camp in Cuba since early 2003 without being charged with any offence. Initially turned over to US military personnel in Afghanistan in March 2002, he was transferred to Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) custody in October that same year, and for several weeks subjected to enforced disappearance as well as to other forms of torture or other ill-treatment. After briefly being held in US military custody in Afghanistan, *Toffiq al-Bihani* was transferred to Guantánamo Bay in early 2003. He has been detained there without charge or fair trial since. The US government has long since made it clear that it has no intention of charging him, and he has been cleared for release since 2010. *Toffiq al-Bihani* is one of five detainees at Guantánamo who have been intended for transfer to a save host country for several years, but remain detained, nonetheless.

I urge you to immediately transfer *Toffiq al-Bihani* out of Guantánamo to a country that will respect his human rights. Please ensure that he is given rehabilitation and redress for the torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment he suffered at Guantánamo. I also ask you to ensure that *Toffiq al-Bihani* is granted access to adequate legal remedies and that he receives compensation for the violations of his human rights during his U.S. detention.

Sincerely,