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**Omar Radi**

Your Excellency,

I am writing to draw your attention to the case of investigative journalist *Omar Radi.* On 3 March 2022, the Appeals Court in Casablanca upheld his six-year prison sentence on espionage and rape charges after a trial marred by blatant breaches of due process rights. At the time of the initiation of the investigation against him in June 2020, *Omar Radi* was conducting an investigation into the unlawful tribal land expropriation in the rural commune of Ouled Sbita.

Before his arrest in July 2020, *Omar Radi* had been repeatedly harassed by the Moroccan authorities because of his journalistic work criticizing human rights violations and exposing corruption.

I respectfully urge you to take all necessary steps to grant *Omar Radi* a fair retrial in accordance with international fair trial standards and to ensure he is immediately provided an opportunity for his ongoing detention to be reviewed by a court.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely