President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi

Office of the President

Al Ittihadia Palace Cairo

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**Alaa Abdel Fattah & Mohamed al-Baqer**

Dear President,

On 29 September 2019, dual Egyptian-British national activist *Alaa Abdel Fattah* was arrested at a police station in the Dokki district of Cairo. On the same day, his lawyer *Mohamed al-Baqer* was also arrested when he tried to represent *Alaa Abdel Fattah* at the prosecutor’s office. Both are prisoners of conscience to date.

On 20 December 2021, in an unfair trial, an emergency court sentenced *Alaa Abdel Fattah* and *Mohamed al-Baqer* to five and four years imprisonment, respectively, over spurious charges of “spreading false news” solely for exercising their human rights.

This is why I hereby call on you to immediately and unconditionally release *Alaa Abdel Fattah* and *Mohamed al-Baqer.* Pending their release, I urge you to ensure that they are held in conditions meeting international standards, protected from torture and other ill-treatment and that they are allowed to regularly communicate with their families and lawyers. Please ensure that *Alaa Abdel Fattah* has access to qualified health professionals providing health care in compliance with medical ethics, including the principles of confidentiality, autonomy, and informed consent. Also, *Alaa Abdel Fattah* should immediately be allowed to get into contact with representatives from the British embassy.

Yours sincerely,