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**Dr. Virginia Laparra**

Dear Mrs Attorney General,

42-year-old *Dr. Virginia Laparra* was sentenced to 4 years in prison in December 2022 solely for doing her work as an independent anti-corruption prosecutor without bowing to pressure. 2018, she initiated proceedings against a judge who had leaked information on a corruption case which was under secrecy. In retaliation, the Judge filed a criminal complaint against her.

*Dr. Virginia Laparra* is a prisoner of conscience and must be released immediately and unconditionally. She is in need of immediate medical attention.

I therefore urge you to call for the dropping of all charges against *Dr. Virginia Laparra* and to request her immediate and unconditional release.

Please make sure that she receives prompt and proper medical attention with doctors of her choice.

Yours sincerely,