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Your Excellency,

I wish to draw your attention to the case of **Aser Mohamed**. The National Security Agency arrested **Aser Mohamed** on 12 January 2016, at the age of fourteen. He was subsequently held in incommunicado detention for 34 days, during which he was tortured to "confess". On 12 October 2019, the Cairo Criminal Court sentenced **Aser Mohamed** to ten years in prison. The confessions extracted under torture were used during his trial.

As his detention is unlawful, I urge you to release **Aser Mohamed** immediately. Pending his release, please protect him from torture and other ill-treatment and allow him full access to his lawyer, medical treatment and family. Also, I request that you ensure an impartial, effective investigation into his enforced disappearance and allegations of torture and other ill-treatment, and prosecute those responsible in a fair trial without recourse to the death penalty.

Thank you for your attention. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,