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Dear Minister of Justice,

On 3 March 2022, the Appeals Court in Casablanca upheld the six-year sentence for Moroccan journalist **Omar Radi** on espionage and rape charges. This conviction was based on trials that violated Radi's right to a fair trial, including limited access to his lawyers, denying the defence team the right to cross examine prosecution witnesses, excluding defence witnesses and other abuses.

I am writing to urge you to quash all espionage convictions against **Omar Radi** as these are politically motivated convictions that violate his right to freedom of expression. I further call on you to impartially and thoroughly investigate the complaint on which the 'rape' charge is based and grant **Radi** a fair re-trial open to international observers and in line with international standards.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,