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Your Highness,

Bahraini-Danish human rights defender and prisoner of conscience **Abdulhadi al-Khawaja** has been convicted and fined in two separate cases on 28 November 2022 by the Second Lower Criminal Court. He was convicted for breaking a chair and insulting a public servant in November 2021 while in Jaw prison after he was denied phone calls to his daughters. In a second case, **Al-Khawaja** was convicted of insulting a public servant in relation to an incident on 30 March 2022 when he protested against the normalization deal with Israel (Abraham Accords) and had an altercation with a prison officer. He was denied his right to be represented by a lawyer of his choosing and to be tried in his presence in both cases.

Al-Khawaja has so far spent more than 11 years of an unjust life sentence in Jaw prison for leading peaceful protests during the 2011 popular uprising in Bahrain. I therefore call upon your Highness to ensure that he is immediately and unconditionally released, that his convictions and sentences are quashed and any new charges brought against him are dropped.

Yours sincerely,