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Dear Minister Celsa Bautista,

I am deeply concerned about the safety and health of politically arbitrary detained **Emirlendris Benítez. Benítez** is serving an unfair 30-year prison sentence at the INOF centre at Los Teques, Caracas, after being arbitrarily detained and subjected to torture in August 2018. She requires immediate surgery to treat the conditions derived from the torture and gender-based violence she endured after her unfair arrest.

**Emirlendris Benítez** should be immediately and unconditionally released. While she remains in your custody, I urge you to grant her immediate access to trusted and adequate medical care, and to investigate the torture she has suffered and bring those found responsible to justice.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

I am kindly looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,