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(Plaats, datum)

Your Excellency,

I am writing to raise my concern about civil society and environmental activist **Mohad Gasmi**, who was unfairly sentenced to five years in prison on 17 October 2021. He was arrested on 14 June 2020 and charged with "glorification of terrorism" for a Facebook post where he attributes the radicalisation of a prominent Algerian militant, considered a "terrorist" by the Algerian authorities, to their failure to deliver justice and dignity to their population.

In light of the above, I ask you to release Mohad Gasmi immediately and quash his conviction, as he is detained solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression. I also call on you to stop resorting to trumped up terrorism-related charges to prosecute journalists, human rights defenders and political activists, and to end the crackdown on peaceful activism in Algeria.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Naam, adres)