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Luxembourg,

Dear President,

I/we are writing to you on behalf of Mr Elchin Mammad, a human rights lawyer who has been detained for his peaceful human rights activities in Azerbaijan. According to information received he is currently detained at the Shuvalan Pre-Trial Detention Centre No.3 and there are serious concerns about his wellbeing and the conditions of his confinement there.

I/we therefore ask you respectfully to:

* Guarantee, in all circumstances, the physical integrity and psychological well-being of Mr. Elchin Mammad well as of all human rights defenders in Azerbaijan;
* Release immediately and unconditionally Mr. Elchin Mammad as well as all human rights defenders arbitrarily detained in the country;
* Put an end to all forms of harassment, including at the judicial level, against Mr. Elchin Mammad as well as against all human rights defenders in Azerbaijan and ensure in all circumstances that they are able to carry out their legitimate activities without any hindrance and fear of reprisals;
* Comply with all the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 9, 1998, in particular its Articles 1, 6(a), 9, 11 and 12.2;
* Ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with international human rights standards and international instruments ratified by Azerbaijan.

Any further information on the condition and status of Mr Elchin Mammad that you are able to provide would be gratefully appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Name and adresse: signature

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