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Toffiq al-Bihani

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Dear Secretary of State,

Toffiq al-Bihani, a Yemeni or Saudi-Arabian citizen, has been held at Guantánamo Bay detention camp in Cuba since early 2003 without being charged with any offence. Initially turned over to US military personnel in Afghanistan in March 2002, he was transferred to Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) custody in October that same year, and for several weeks subjected to enforced disappearance as well as to torture or other ill-treatment. After briefly being held in US military custody in Afghanistan, Toffiq al-Bihani was transferred to Guantánamo Bay in early 2003. He has been detained there for almost 20 years without charge or fair trial. The US government has long since made it clear that it has no intention of charging him, and he has been cleared for release since 2010. Toffiq al-Bihani is one of five detainees at Guantánamo who have been intended for transfer to a safe host country for several years, but remain detained nonetheless.

I urge you to immediately transfer Toffiq al-Bihani out of Guantánamo to a country that will respect his human rights. Please ensure that he is given rehabilitation and redress for the torture and other cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment he has suffered at Guantánamo. I also ask you to ensure that Toffiq al-Bihani is granted access to adequate legal remedies and that he receives compensation for the violations of his human rights during his U.S. detention.

Yours sincerely,