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Nasser Zefzafi

Your Excellency,

I am greatly concerned about **Nasser Zefzafi**, who has been held in deplorable conditions for six years and whose health is declining.

Nasser Zefzafi, who was involved in the Hirak El Rif protest movement, was arrested in May 2017 and subsequently sentenced to 20 years in prison for "rebellion" and other charges. His trial was flawed and relied on "confessions" which he had told the court were extracted through torture and other ill-treatment. He is in poor health and is currently suffering from respiratory problems, a skin rash, numbness in his limbs, and eyesight issues. According to his father, Nasser Zefzafi has had to have surgery to remove a tumor during his time in prison.

Since he is being held solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression, I appeal to you to ensure that he is immediately und unconditionally released. Further, I urge you to quash the conviction for which he has been imprisoned.

Yours sincerely,