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Sulaimon Olufemi

I am writing to you today with an urgent request.

The Nigerian Sulaimon Olufemi has been on death row for 20 years. He is one of a group of nationals from several African countries who were arrested in September 2002 after a police officer was killed in a dispute between locals and migrant workers. Sulaimon Olufemi has always maintained his innocence.

After his arrest, he was forced to leave his fingerprints as a signature on documents written in Arabic - a language he did not understand. According to Sulaimon Olufemi, he was tortured during the interrogations. During the court proceedings, which were held in Arabic, he was not provided with interpretation or a translation of the court documents. The defendant also had no legal representation. While eleven of his co-defendants were released from prison in April 2017 after serving their 15-year sentences, Sulaimon Olufemi is facing execution of his death sentence.

I respectfully and strongly urge you to pardon Sulaimon Olufemi after more than 20 years in prison. Please also initiate an independent investigation into the allegations of torture and ill-treatment and ensure that Sulaimon Olufemi is granted regular contact with a lawyer of his choice.

Yours sincerely