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Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức

Your Excellency,

I am concerned about the long and harsh prison sentence the Vietnamese citizen Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức has been serving. In 2010 he was sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment - to be followed by five years in house arrest – for publishing blog entries dealing with political and economic issues of Vietnam, thus peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.

I urge you to apply Vietnam's law and amnesty mechanism to immediately release Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức. He has already made multiple unsuccessful requests for the remaining prison time to be waived and, in his deperate situation, has repeatedly been on hunger strikes.

Please ensure that while detained, Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức is treated in accordance with the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, which includes regular access to his family and appropriate medical care.

Pending his release, Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức should be moved to a prison nearer his family. He must also be granted regular contact with his family and lawyers.

Yours sincerely,