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Health fears for Farouk Abu Issa and Dr Amin Maki Madani

Your Excellency

Almost 10 weeks into their detention, the health of Farouk Abu Issa, 82 and Dr Amin Maki Madani, 76 has significantly, and rapidly, deteriorated. Both Farouk Abu Issa and Dr Amin Maki Madani have been in detention since their arrest on 6 December 2014 after signing the "Sudan Call" document on 3 December 2014 with armed groups and other opposition parties in Addis Ababa. They are prisoners of conscience. Signing the Sudan Call is an exercise of freedom of expression protected under the bill of rights of the interim Constitution of Sudan, the African Charter of Human and Peoples' Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, all of which legally bind the Republic of Sudan.

That is why I urge you to:

- immediately and unconditionally release Farouk Abu Issa and Dr Amin Maki Madani;
- ensure that pending their unconditional release, Farouk Abu Issa and Amin Maki Madani are not tortured or otherwise ill-treated, or put at risk of the death penalty;
- ensure that pending their unconditional release, Farouk Abu Issa and Amin Maki Madani are given prompt access to adequate medical care.

Yours sincerely,

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