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ANMERKUNGEN

AMNESTY FORDERT VON DEN ÄGYPTISCHEN BEHÖRDEN:

- Ich fordere Sie höflich auf, Alaa Abdel Fattah umgehend und bedingungslos freizulassen, da er nur wegen der friedlichen Ausübung seiner Menschenrechte inhaftiert ist.
 - Sorgen Sie bitte dafür, dass er bis zu seiner Freilassung regelmäßigen Zugang zu seinen Rechtsbeiständen und seiner Familie sowie zu einer angemessenen medizinischen Versorgung erhält und unter Bedingungen inhaftiert ist, die den internationalen Standards für die Behandlung von Gefangenen entsprechen. Alaa Abdel Fattah muss außerdem unverzüglich konsularischer Besuch gewährt werden.
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INHALT

Your Excellency,

Prominent Egyptian-British activist Alaa Abdel Fattah, who has been detained since 29 September 2019, is serving an unjust five-year prison sentence following his conviction in a grossly unfair trial. In December 2021, an Emergency State Security Court (ESSC) convicted him on bogus charges of “spreading false news” for sharing a social media post under Case No. 1228/2021. On 3 January 2022, President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi ratified the verdict against Alaa Abdel Fattah and two other defendants. A document issued by the prosecution and seen by Amnesty International indicated that the authorities considered that his sentence commenced from the date of ratification, rather than from the date of his arrest. The document states that Alaa Abdel Fattah is to be released in January 2027.

Alaa Abdel Fattah’s family, lawyers and supporters fear that the authorities will not release him, despite him having served five years in prison, because they will not count the time spent pretrial detention as part of his prison sentence. The authorities may also seek to justify his ongoing arbitrary detention by opening new bogus criminal investigations against him – this abusive practice is commonly referred to as “rotation”, when individuals held for political reasons are accused of identical or similar charges in new cases to keep them detained indefinitely, even when prosecutors or judges order their release, or after they have served their sentence.

Following supporter mobilization and public outcries during COP27 held in Egypt in 2022, Alaa Abdel Fattah’s conditions of detention and overall health have improved especially after his transfer to the Wadi-al-Natroun prison in May 2022. However, authorities keep denying him access to his lawyer whom he has not seen since March 2020. Authorities also continue to deny him consular visits from the British authorities as well as phone calls to his family. Since 2019, prison officials have also denied Alaa Abdel Fattah access to sunlight and fresh air. He can exercise, but only in an enclosed hallway.

I urge you to release Alaa Abdel Fattah immediately and unconditionally, as he is detained solely for exercising his human rights. Pending his release, he must have regular access to his lawyers, family and adequate healthcare and be held in conditions that

meet international standards for the treatment of prisoners. He must be granted a consular access without further delay.

Yours sincerely,