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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for drawing your attention to the fate of the Baptist minister, the Reverend Thian Lian Sang, from Mandalay.

On December 7, 2022 he was sentenced to 23 years in prison, including three years of hard labor. He has been incarcerated since September 16, 2021. There is, however, no evidence that the Reverend Thian Lian Sang has in any way shape or form violated the law that could possibly justify such a harsh sentence. Sang has merely worked peacefully for his community.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed 75 years ago, guarantees the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion in Article 18 and the right to freedom of assembly and association in Article 20. Considering this background, I humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to do everything in your power to advocate the immediate and unconditional release of the Reverend Thian Lian Sang.

Most respectfully,