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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the Iranian citizen, Mr. Ismail Narimanpour. This Christian was arrested on December 24, 2023 in the city of Dezful, and during the arrest, the security forces searched the convert's home and confiscated his computer and cell phone. He had already been imprisoned in 2021 for alleged "propaganda against the regime" and was reportedly ill-treated.

It is unclear what the authorities are now accusing him of. Narimanpour merely exercised his right to change his faith, and he joined a Protestant house church.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, a binding treaty under international law that guarantees freedom of religion. According to Article 18 of this International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, every person has the freedom to change their faith and even to promote it. Therefore, dear Mr. President, I humbly beseech you to advocate immediate and unconditional release of Mr. Ismail Narimanpour.

Most respectfully,