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President of Cuba Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez Hidalgo Esq. 6, Plaza de La Revolución CP 10400, La Habana Cuba

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## Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to express my concern about Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara, who is a prisoner of conscience. He is serving a 5-year prison sentence because he had intended to join a protest in July 2021. He was detained on 11 July before the start of the protest.

In an unfair trial behind closed doors, Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara was sentenced to 5 years in prison on charges of "public disorder", "contempt" and "insulting national symbols". Since his imprisonment, his health has deteriorated, which is why he has gone on hunger strike multiple times.

I therefore urge you to immediately release Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara.

Pending his release, ensure he has access to adequate healthcare, is protected from ill-treatment and is granted regular contact with his family and lawyers.

Yours sincerely