
Germany

Prime Minister
Nguyễn Xuân Phúc
Prime Minister's Office
Hà Nội
VIETNAM

Hamburg, 25 March, 2018

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Furthermore, please ensure that in Camp N° 5, she is being treated according to minimum UN standards for the treatment of prisoners (Nelson Mandela-rules). Nguyễn Ngọc Như Quỳnh shall not suffer from inadequate prison conditions nor torture nor from any other form of ill-treatment.

Yours respectfully,

Name and signature

Copy for the Minister of Foreign Affairs+Vice Prime Minister

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