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Gui Minhai

Dear President Xi,

I am writing to express my concern for Gui Minhai, who was sentenced on 24 February 2020 to ten years' imprisonment and deprivation of political rights for five years, on the charge of "illegally providing intelligence to foreign entities".

Since his imprisonment, the authorities have rejected the Swedish consulate's request to read the verdict and meet Gui Minhai, who obtained Swedish citizenship in 1996. It is distressing to learn that he has not been able to see his family members and consular officials, or even speak to a lawyer of his own choice since 2018. There is no way to verify his wishes or conditions. Given his poor health, which requires regular and urgent medical care, his family is particularly concerned about his wellbeing. Gui Minhai was tried and convicted in secret.

I therefore call on you to release Gui Minhai and drop the charges against him, unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence that he has committed an internationally recognized offence and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards. Grant Gui Minhai prompt, regular and unrestricted access to lawyers of his choice and to his family. Grant Gui Minhai access to medical care on request or as necessary and grant the Swedish consulate access to Gui Minhai.

Yours sincerely