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Idris Hasan

Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my grave concern for Idris Hasan (official name Yidiyesi Aishan), a Uyghur Muslim Chinese national, who was arrested on the night of 19 July 2021 at Casablanca airport on the basis of an Interpol red notice issued at the request of the Chinese authorities. He was subsequently taken to a prison near the town of Tiflet, in northwestern Morocco, where he remains held.

The Chinese government reportedly considers him to be a "terrorist", because of the work he had previously done for Uyghur organizations and requested Idris Hasan's extradition based on an extradition treaty China signed with Morocco in 2016. Chinese law defines "terrorism" and "extremism" in an overly broad and vague manner which has been used to persecute Uyghurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities.

Morocco is obliged under international law not to transfer any individual, including through deportation or extradition, to a country where that person would be at real risk of torture or other serious human rights violations.

I am alarmed to learn that despite Interpol having since cancelled the red notice, due to non-compliance with its Constitution, Idris Hasan has remained in prison and on 15 December 2021 the Moroccan Court of Cassation ruled in favour of his extradition to China (ruling No. 1799). If extradited to China, he will be at real risk of arbitrary detention and torture and his extradition would violate Morocco's obligations under international law.

I therefore urge you to immediately cancel Idris Hasan's extradition to China.

Yours sincerely,