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Dear Minister,

I am concerned about the case of Dr. Tun Aung, a doctor and the chairman of the Islamic Religious Affairs Council in Maungdaw, who has been sentenced to 17 years imprisonment following the violent riots between buddhists and muslims in Maungdaw, June 8 2012.

Independent witnesses have confirmed that Dr. Tun Aung did not take part in the violent uprising, and that he in fact tried to calm down the crowds and actively tried to defuse the violence that broke out.

Dr. Tun Aung is a prisoner of conscience and should be released immediately and unconditionally. I call on you to ensure that this is sought to.

I urge you to ensure that Dr. Tun Aung is moved from Sittwe prison to Isein prison, whilst the authorities work on his release, so that he is able to receive regular family visits. I further call on you to ensure that the prison authorities provide Dr. Tun Aung with the medical care and medication he requires in order to manage his serious health condition.

On a more general note, I call on the authorities of Myanmar to release all prisoners of conscience. I urge you to improve the legal protection in the country, by ensuring that the rule of law is made completely independent from the government.

I call on you to ensure that all defendants are given the right to a fair trial, in accordance with international standards.

Finally I call on you to reform vaguely formulated laws that are used to criminalize peaceful political demonstrations.

Sincerely,

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