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Your Excellency,

I am deeply concerned about the imprisonment of Ana da Silva Miguel (also known as Neth Nahara), an Angolan singer and TikTokker who is currently serving a prison sentence for criticising the Angolan authorities.

Ana da Silva Miguel was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Services at her home in Luanda on 13 August 2023, for recording a live video on TikTok criticizing the government the day before. On 14 August 2023, she was convicted and sentenced to six months in prison for the crime of “outrage against the state, its symbols, and bodies”. Following an appeal by the public prosecutor on 27 September 2023, her six-month sentence was increased to two years in prison.

After her arrest, Neth Nahara was denied access to her daily medication for several months, despite having HIV. On 3 December 2023, she was hospitalized due to her poor health. Her lawyers submitted a request for her to be observed outside the prison hospital, but this request was rejected. After spending 8 months without receiving her daily medications, only at the end of April 2024 did her lawyers confirm she had started the medication.

I appeal to you to ensure that Ana da Silva Miguel is immediately released, since her conviction and ongoing detention stem solely from the peaceful exercise of her human rights, including to the right to freedom of expression.

Pending her release, I appeal to you to make sure that Neth Nahara is granted regular and unfettered access to her medication and adequate healthcare, including, if necessary, treatment outside prison.

Yours sincerely,