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Your Excellency,

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the imprisoned Vietnamese Christian Mr. Y Tup Knul. He has been in prison since 6 October 2020. According to media reports, he was sentenced on 19 April 2022 to a prison term of several years. He was accused of involvement in an organization allegedly seeking to overthrow the government. The exact length of his sentence has not been made public.

Prior to his arrest, Mr. Knul was repeatedly interrogated by the authorities. The police investigation began after he joined the Evangelical Degar Church. As a member of the Montagnard minority from Vietnam's Central Highlands, he merely exercised his right to freely practice his religion.

Vietnam is a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which guarantees the right to religious freedom in Article 18, and I beseech you to do everything in your power to advocate for the release of Mr. Y Tup Knul.

Most respectfully,