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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for taking the liberty of pleading with you to advocate the immediate and unconditional release of Mr. Liang Ziliang and his wife Mrs. Li Yinxiu from prison. Mr. Liang Ziliang is pastor of a Baptist Church in the city of Heshan (Guangdong Province). On June 1st of this year, he and his wife and other members of his church, distributed brochures, explaining their Christian faith in a park of the city of Heshan. At the same time they demonstrated against the praxis of abortion.

The police observed and photographed them, and in the evening, they were summoned and arrested and put into the municipal prison. Their house was searched without warrant, and their family members were informed about their whereabouts only five days after their arrest.

Please permit me to remind you, dear Mr. President, that Article 36 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China can be interpreted as an article guaranteeing religious freedom according to international standards. Unfortunately, an increasing number of recent reports suggests that the praxis of restricting religious freedom persists in China.

Most respectfully,