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Dear Ambassador,

I am deeply alarmed that prisoner of conscience and human rights defender **Javier Tarazona**, director of the organization FundaREDES, continues to be detained and subjected to an unfair criminal proceeding. He must be released immediately and unconditionally, in so that he can receive the medical attention and treatment he requires urgently.

FundaREDES monitors, documents and reports human rights abuses committed by non-state actors in border areas of Venezuela. The charge he faces, and for which **Javier Tarazona** continues to be unfairly detained, appears to be politically motivated.

The SEBIN (Servicio Bolivariano de Inteligencia Nacional) agents detained him without a warrant and the court charged him with "terrorism", both elements of the well-documented pattern of arbitrary detentions. Two other FundaREDES defenders, Rafael Tarazona and Omar de Dios García, are also subject to arbitrary criminal proceedings.

Please relay to the President and his ministers the concern for **Javier Tarazona** in the United Kingdom. Please request the immediately and unconditionally release prisoner of conscience **Javier Tarazona**. Also close all criminal investigations into these three human rights defenders, and end the harassment and criminalization of non-governmental organizations in Venezuela.

Yours sincerely,