I would like to express my grave concern that Taqi 'Abdallah al-Maydan was sentenced to 10 years in prison after an unfair trial.

I respectfully urge the Bahraini authorities to set up an independent and impartial investigation into his allegation that he had been tortured during interrogation and that his "confession" was used against him.

I further call on the Bahraini authorities to ensure that evidence obtained under torture or other ill-treatment is not used in any proceedings against Taqi 'Abdallah al-Maydan and that he is granted a fair appeal in line with international standards for fair trial.

Sincerely yours,