

I am writing to express my grave concern on Leopoldo López who was found guilty of inciting violence during an anti-government protest on 12 February 2014. He was sentenced to 13 years and 9 months in prison for the charges of conspiracy, incitement to commit a crime, arson, and damage to public property.

I would like to call on you immediately and unconditionally release Leopoldo López, as he is a prisoner of conscience who was arbitrarily detained and sentenced without any credible evidence against him.

I also urge you to ensure that those still detained since the 2014 protests do not remain in detention arbitrarily.

Yours respectfully,