

**I am writing to express my grave concern on Chinese activist and prisoner of conscience Chen Xi who has been suffering from a number of serious health problems and has not received the treatment he needs in prison. His health has deteriorated severely. I therefore need to ask you and other authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Chen Xi, as he has been imprisoned solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression.**

**I am also urging you to ensure that Chen Xi is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated, that he is immediately provided with any medical treatment he requires, and that the conditions of his detention adhere to international law and standards.**

**Lastly I am calling on you to ensure he has regular access to his family, and that they are not subjected to any form of restrictions or harassment.**

**Your attention on the above would be highly appreciated.**

**Sincerely yours,**