

I would like to express my deep concern for Mr Albert Woodfox, who has been held in solitary confinement since 1973 in charge of murder. However, the conviction was based on unreliable and inconsistent testimonies and there was no physical evidence linking him to the murder. After years of appeals the conviction has been repeatedly overturned, but each time he has been reconvicted in the following trial. In 2013, the federal appeals court ruled for a third time that his conviction should be overturned. On 6 February 2015, his lawyers have filed a request for bail.

I call on you not to oppose bail for Albert Woodfox, as his conviction was gained through two flawed trials, has been overturned three times over four decades, he has an exemplary prison conduct record and at 67 years-of-age is in poor health.

Moreover, I would like to note that no other prisoner in the U.S. has been held in solitary confinement longer than Albert Woodfox. This is cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, and according to the UN expert on torture, possibly torture.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,