

I am writing this letter to express my grave concern for the prominent human rights activist, Wu Gan, who have been arrested in 2015 during a peaceful demonstration and detained for over 28 months without access to his family, and recently sentenced to eight years' imprisonment and deprived of political rights for a further five years for 'subverting state power'. Moreover, he was allegedly tortured during his detention.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Wu Gan as he has been imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression and assembly.

Pending his release, I also urge you to ensure that Wu Gan has regular, unrestricted access to family and lawyers of his choice, and is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment.

Moreover, I call on you to conduct a prompt, effective and impartial investigation into the alleged torture against Wu Gan and bring those responsible to justice.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,