

I am writing to express my grave concern on Ashraf Fayadh who is a Palestinian poet and artist and has been sentenced by a court in Saudi Arabia to death for the “crime” of apostasy.

I call on you to release Ashraf Fayadh immediately and unconditionally, as he is a prisoner of conscience, held solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.

I urge you to ensure that Ashraf Fayadh’s conviction and sentence are quashed.

I urge you to ensure that the death penalty is not used for offences which do not meet the threshold of “most serious crimes”, including for apostasy which, in addition, is not a recognizably criminal offence under international law.

Yours respectfully,