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His Excellency Mr.Ja Song-nam;

I am writing this to express my grave concern on Lim Hyeon-soo who was sentenced to life in prison in hard labour allegedly for plotting to overthrow the government and has developed a host of health problems including malnutrition, high blood pressure, arthritis, and stomach problems as a side effect of medicine that was not properly administered.

Could I urge the authorities to ensure that Lim Hyeon-soo is not subjected to any ill treatment and has prompt access to adequate nutrition and any medical treatment he requires, including outside the country if needed? Could the authorities allow him regular access to his family, including through telephone calls and arranged visits

Your attention on this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,