

Daniel Ortega Saavedra
President of Nicaragua
c/o Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Dear President Ortega,

I write to express my concern about the continued persecution and criminalization strategy in Nicaragua since April 2018. After more than one year from the start of the human rights crisis, at least 120 people continue in detention, despite calls from the Human Rights Council and the OAS Permanent Council for their release, and the Nicaraguan government's commitment to free them all by 18 June 2019.

I urge you to immediately release and drop all charges of all detained solely for exercising their right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly since 18 April 2018.

Yours sincerely,