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Your Excellency,

While I welcome the news that Babacar Diop, Malick Diallo Biaye, Mamadou Diallo, Souleymane Diockou and Pape Abdoulaye Touré were released on bail on 20 December, and Souleymane Ndjim was released on bail on 4 December, I am concerned to hear that three other activists, Guy Marius Sagna, Fallou Galass Seck and Ousmane Sarr, are still detained in Camp Penal prison and the nine activists still face charges solely for exercising their rights to the peaceful assembly.

Guy Marius Sagna, Mamadou Diao Diallo, Malick Biaye, Pape Abdoulaye Touré, Babacar Diop, Souleymane Diockou, Ousmane Sarr, Souleymane Ndjim and Fallou Galass Seck

have been charged with participation in an unauthorised gathering.

Guy Marius Sagna, coordinator of Front for a Popular Anti-Imperialist Revolution and Pan African (FRAAP), has been also charged with provocation of gathering and rebellion. He is detained in a high security unit of the Camp Penal prison.

In light of the above, I urge you to:

- Immediately drop the unfounded charges against all nine activists;
- Immediately and unconditionally release the three activists still detained;
- Refrain from initiating further prosecutions against individuals simply for exercising their right to peaceful assembly;
- Repeal legal instruments providing for blanket bans on peaceful demonstrations including the 2011 Decree banning all demonstrations in parts of the city centre of Dakar.

Your sincerely