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Dear Deputy Procurator Han:

I am writing to express my concern about Mahira Yakub (亚库甫·玛依拉), a Uyghur insurance company worker who is being held in Yining Detention Centre without access to her family and a lawyer of her choice. She first went missing in April 2019 and was indicted for "giving material support to terrorist activity" (资助恐怖活动罪) in January 2020 for transferring money to her parents in Australia. I understand that she was released from detention on 4 September 2020, after which she was taken to hospital for unknown reasons, but she was returned to Yining Detention Centre in November 2020. Throughout this time, Mahira Yakub's family has not been able to get in touch with her.

It is alarming to learn that Mahira Yakub's relatives residing in Xinjiang have been harassed by the Chinese authorities because other relatives living overseas shared updates about her on social media. This type of intimidation has no legal basis and is aimed solely at curbing others' right to free expression.

Without access to her family and lawyer of her choice, I am deeply concerned about Mahira Yakub's health and wellbeing, especially as she did not receive adequate medical treatment when she suffered from liver damage in a "transformation-through-education" facility from March to December 2018.

I therefore call on you to:

- **Release Mahira Yakub, unless there is sufficient, credible and admissible evidence that she committed an internationally recognized offence and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards;**
- **Allow Mahira Yakub access to her family as well as prompt and adequate medical care, as necessary or requested, facilitate her right to have effective legal representation of her choice, and ensure she is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment;**
- **Stop all kinds of harassment and intimidation against Mahira Yakub's relatives.**

Yours sincerely,