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Dear President Solih,

I'm writing to express serious concern about the situation of former Vice President **Ahmed Adeeb**, who is again facing trial, for charges that were recently deemed unlawful. Suffering from a number of serious health issues, including glaucoma, kidney stones, sleep apnoea, internal cysts, and syncopal attacks, I am gravely concerned for his health and wellbeing.

While the Criminal Court dropped all charges against Adeeb on 14 July 2020, following an order by the High Court on 24 July, Adeeb is once again being detained, with the future trial date as yet unknown.

Given that Adeeb's medical concerns are unable to be treated in the Maldives, his legal team first filed [a request](#) with the Maldives Correctional Services in 2016 to allow him to travel abroad to seek specialised treatment. That, and every subsequent request for additional treatment, during the previous administration, was [denied](#). The current administration allowed Adeeb to travel abroad to seek specialised treatment once as medical specialists advised since the necessary treatment was and still is not available in the Maldives.

As you will be aware, failing to provide adequate medical care to prisoners is a violation of the Maldives' international human rights obligations. As a state party to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Maldives is legally obliged to respect, promote, protect and fulfil "the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health." The Prison and Parole Act of Maldives also guarantees adequate healthcare for prisoners. The severity of the situation needs to be emphasised, especially due to prisons being considered dangerous hotspots for the spread of COVID-19.

Therefore, I urge you to ensure that Ahmed Adeeb is granted prompt, regular and unrestricted access to medical care on request or as necessary.

Yours sincerely,