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Subject: Adolfo Campos, Abraão Pedro Santos, Gilson Morreira and Hermenegildo Victor José

Dear Minister

I got to know that the four men mentioned are held in prison for almost one year now. They wanted to take part in a solidarity demonstration for taxi drivers. Only three days later they were sentenced to two years and five months of imprisonment.

First of all, I kindly ask you to immediately free these men. They are imprisoned only for peaceful activism which is not a crime. In fact, a state can be happy when people are engaged and try to make things better. This common struggle is not easy but very useful.

Furthermore, I read that the state of health of three of these men got worse. Hermenegildo Victor José has a spinal curvature and needs a wheelchair and an orthosis. Nevertheless, his family could not visit him. But contact the family is very important especially in case of illness.
Adolfo Campos suffers from a pneumonia and a visual impairment that gets worse very fast. He is in urgent need of a surgery according to doctors’ advice. Nevertheless, he did not get access to health services so far.
The state of health of Gilson Morreira is getting worse, too. A planned surgery did not take place. Why was he kept in solitary confinement for 36 days?

I kindly ask you to grant them access to health services and make sure that their conditions of detention correspond to the Nelson-Mandela-rules.

Sincerely