**Instructions: Write to one of the two officials below.**

M. Sansan Kambilé

Minister of Justice and Human Rights

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**OR**

H.E. Haidara Mamadou

Embassy of the Republic of Côte D'Ivoire

2424 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20008

Dear Minister Sansan Kambilé (or Dear Ambassador),

I write with concern about the arrest of online activist Soro Tangboho (alias Carton Noir). He was arrested in the town of Korhogo while live streaming a video of police officers who were, according to him, extorting money from motorists. While in detention, he was subjected to torture and other ill-treatment.

He was then transferred on 16 November to the Abidjan Correctional Facility and Penitentiary (MACA) and is accused of disrupting public order. Soro Tangboho has been hospitalized at the prison clinic since 22 January. However, the clinic at the prison is not well equipped.

I urge you to ensure that charges against Soro Tangboho are dropped and that he is immediately and unconditionally released. I ask that a prompt, thorough, effective, and independent investigation into the allegations of Soro Tangboho’s torture be undertaken and that anyone responsible brought to justice in trials that meet international standards of fairness. Finally, please ensure that the right to freedom of expression is fully respected, protected, promoted, and fulfilled in Côte D'Ivoire.

Yours sincerely,