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

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**OR**

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Dear Attorney General (or Dear Representative),

I am writing to you concerning the case of Abdirahman Ibrahim Adan (also known as Abdirahman Abees).

Abdirahman, a poet and a Somaliland-British dual national, was arrested in Hargeisa on 12 January in connection with a poem he recited at a hotel in Hargeisa. In the poem, he highlighted issues in Somaliland such as police brutality, arbitrary detention, and the degrading treatment of prisoners. The poem called on the Somaliland government to reform its prisons and criminal justice system.

His arrest was carried out without a warrant, thereby violating Article 25(2) of the Somaliland Constitution. Abdirahman remains detained at Hargeisa Central Prison and has yet to be brought before a court or formally charged.

I respectfully call on the Somaliland government to immediately and unconditionally release Abdirahman Ibrahim Adan from arbitrary detention, as he is detained solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression. I also urge the government to fully respect, protect, promote and fulfil the right to freedom of expression of everyone in Somaliland.

Yours sincerely,