His Majesty King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud

Office of His Majesty the King

Royal Court, Riyadh

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Your Majesty,

I write with great concern for Dr. Mohammad al-Qahtani and Dr. Abdullah al-Hamid, founders of the human rights organization Saudi Association for Civil and Political Rights (ACPRA). These men have been imprisoned solely for their important work in advocating for human rights.

As a member of the United Nations, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is committed to uphold the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). As such, the work of these men is specifically protected by Articles 18, 19, and 20 of the UDHR, which guarantee the freedoms of thought, expression, and peaceful assembly.

I respectfully ask you to release Dr. al-Qahtani and Dr. al-Hamid immediately and unconditionally as they are being held solely for the peaceful exercise of their rights to freedom of expression and assembly. Please quash their convictions and prison sentences and drop all charges against them. Ensure that they are protected from ill-treatment and are given immediate and regular access to their families, lawyers of their choice, and medical attention.

Finally, I ask you to respect and protect the right to freedom of expression and association, including the right to establish a human rights organization.

Sincerely,