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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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Onderwerp
Amnesty

Dear Director Li,

We are writing to express our concern about former human rights lawyer Ding Jiayi (丁家喜) who has been charged with 'inciting subversion of state power' (颠覆国家政权罪) for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of association. He was, along with many human rights defenders, taken away by police on 26 December 2019 after joining an informal social gathering in Xiamen and formally arrested on 19 June 2020. Held incommunicado for more than six months, he has had no access to his family and lawyers of his choice. We are very worried that Ding Jiayi is at imminent risk of torture and other ill-treatment.

We therefore call on you to:

- Release Ding Jiayi immediately and unconditionally unless there is sufficient credible and admissible evidence that he has committed an internationally recognized offence and is granted a fair trial in line with international standards.
- Pending his release, ensure that Ding Jiayi has regular, unrestricted access to family and lawyers of his choice and is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment.
- Stop harassing and arresting other human rights defenders who peacefully exercise their right to freedom of association and other human rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are looking forward to your reply.

The Municipal Council of Oosterhout, the Netherlands

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