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Onderwerp Amnesty

Dear Director Yin,

we are writing to express our concern for Yu Wensheng (余文生), who is currently detained in your facility for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression. While it is promising that Yu was able to meet with his lawyer after more than 18 months in detention, it is alarming to learn of the conditions that he has experienced in Xuzhou City Detention Centre.

Yu Wensheng has been held incommunicado, during which period he was subject to torture and his health has sharply deteriorated. He struggles with hypertension and some of his teeth fell out.

Therefore, pending Yu Wensheng's immediate and unconditional release, we call on you to ensure that he is treated in full accordance with the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and, specifically, is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment, including to poor conditions of detention. In addition, we urge you to grant him regular, unrestricted access to a lawyer of his choice and has regular and unrestricted access to food and medical care on request or as necessary.

Thank you for your time. We are kindly awaiting your reply.

The Municipal Council of Oosterhout, the Netherlands,

, town-clerk.

, mayor.