

Dear President Truong Tan Sang:

I urge you to take swift action to release prisoner of conscience **Tran Huynh Duy Thuc**. He was sentenced solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and association.

I am concerned about Tran Huynh Duy Thuc who was sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment followed by five years' house arrest on January 20, 2010, for blogging about political and economic issues in Viet Nam.

I also ask that you end the harassment and imprisonment of peaceful advocates for political, social and economic change in Viet Nam. Please either amend or repeal the national security provisions in the Criminal Code so it will no longer arbitrarily use it to stifle legitimate and peaceful dissent, debate and opposition.

All people have the right to peacefully express their political and economic views. Please uphold your obligations as a state party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political rights and unconditionally release Tran Huynh Duy Thuc.

Yours sincerely,

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