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Your Excellency,

Prisoner of conscience Fathi el-Jahmi is being denied adequate medical treatment for his diabetes, high blood pressure and coronary artery disease. His health is deteriorating, and without proper treatment his life may be in grave danger.

He is held in conditions which may amount to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment. Libya is a state party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment, both of which prohibit such treatment.

I urge you to allow Fathi el-Jahmi the medical attention he requires, including hospital treatment outside detention if necessary. I am concerned that Fathi el-Jahmi has been detained without trial since his arrest on 26 March 2004, much of that time in solitary confinement, with minimal contact with the outside world.

He has been detained solely for acts which involved the non-violent exercise of his right to freedom of expression, and he is therefore a prisoner of conscience who should be released immediately and unconditionally.

Sincerely,