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Your Excellency,

On 12 January 2016, **Aser Mohamed** was arrested by a mixed force of armed police and National Security (NSA) officers. He was only 14 years old at the time and detained incommunicado for 34 days.

During his enforced disappearance, police held Aser Mohamed unlawfully at the NSA offices in the 6th of October city alongside adult detainees. He told his family that during the first three days, NSA officers tortured him in order to force him to "confess" to participating in an attack on 7 January 2016 on the Three Pyramids hotel in Giza, and to implicate others in committing crimes. He added that NSA officers used electric shocks on his body and suspended him for long hours from his limbs in stress positions. If convicted, he faces up to 15 years of imprisonment.

The NSA refused to grant him access to a doctor, and the Prosecutor declined to open an investigation into his allegations of enforced disappearance, torture and other ill-treatment. The prosecutor accepted his confessions, despite his lawyers claiming that NSA officers extracted these confessions under torture. Aser Mohamed said that the Prosecutor threatened to send him back to the NSA to face further torture if he tried to retract his confessions.

As a member/sympathizer from amnesty international, I am greatly concerned about Aser Mohamed's situation. Therefore, I respectfully urge you to release Aser Mohamed immediately, to protect him from torture and other ill-treatment and allow him full access to his lawyer, to medical treatment and to his family. Please ensure an impartial and effective investigation into his unlawful detention, enforced disappearance and allegations of torture and other ill-treatment, and prosecute all those suspected of criminal responsibility in a fair trial without recourse to the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,

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