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Dear Director,

As member/sympathizer from amnesty international, I am greatly concerned about the situation of housing rights activist **Ni Yulan**.

Ni Yulan is a former lawyer and has been imprisoned several times after giving legal advice to Beijing residents whose homes had been slated for demolition. Since the demolition of her own house, Ni Yulan and her family were forced to move from place to place in central Beijing. They face frequent harassment from authorities. I have been informed that she became handicapped and must use a wheelchair after being tortured by police in 2002.

On April 6, Ni Yulan signed a rental contract and paid the rent for 14 months in advance. Only three days after, the agent informed her that the owner of the building wished to terminate the lease immediately. Since only a small part of the already paid rent was refunded, they were not able to move out. Consequently, they were attacked in various ways. The agent removed the doors and windows of the flat and cut the telephone line and internet as well as the water and electricity supply.

On April 15, Ni Yulan, her husband Dong Jiqin and daughter were forcibly dragged out to the yard, stuffed into a van, and dumped at an unfamiliar location far away from their home. The family returned to the rented house to find that the lock had been changed and all their belongings were left on the doorstep. Their valuables and identification cards had been taken.

I am greatly concerned about Ni Yulan's situation. Therefore, I respectfully call upon you to ensure that Ni Yulan and her family are no longer subject to a great deal of harassment.

Please ensure an impartial, transparent and effective investigation into the harassment and ill-treatment Ni Yulan and her family are subjected to. Please make sure that those responsible are brought to justice in accordance with international standards.

Yours sincerely,

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