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Dear Director,

I am turning to you on behalf of

**Mao Hengfeng, 毛恆凤**

a Chinese citizen currently detained at Anhui Provincial women's facility.

Mao Hengfeng has been repeatedly detained for her work defending women's reproductive rights, for victims of forced evictions, and for her support of human rights defenders since 2004.

On 24 February 2010 she was arrested in Beijing. She was assigned to 18 months in Re-education-Through-Labour (RTL) for "disturbing social order" in March 2010 and was transferred to the Anhui Provincial women's RTL facility on 27 April 2010.

She is reportedly kept in unsanitary conditions and is therefore suffering from a skin infection. Her husband, Wue Xuwei and their daughters have not been allowed to meet Ms Mao Hengfeng since her arrest. Her family hired a lawyer to appeal the RTL decision. The appeal was filed at Huangpu district Court in Shanghai.

On 21 July 2010 the Anhui Provincial Women's RTL facility heard the appeal behind closed doors. At the hearing Mao Hengfeng said that she had been repeatedly beaten over the last three months, with the maltreatment causing severe pain and damage, especially to her lower back, waist and kidneys.

Dear Director, along with **amnesty international**, the world-wide human rights organization, I am of the opinion that Mao Hengfeng has to be considered a non-violent prisoner of conscience. I therefore call on the Chinese authorities

- to release Mao Hengfeng immediately and unconditionally,
- to guarantee that Mao Hengfeng will not be tortured or ill-treated while she is in custody
- to initiate a full, independent and impartial investigation into the above reports that Mao Hengfeng has been tortured in the RTL facility and to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice in accordance with international standards
- to ensure that Mao Hengfeng is allowed immediate access to her family and any medical treatment that she may require

I am sure you will comply with my petition and look forward to hearing from you in connection with this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely and respectfully,