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Your Excellency,

Anas al-Beltagy, the son of detained prominent Muslim Brotherhood leader Mohamed al-Beltagy, has been arbitrarily detained for over nine years solely because of his family affiliation. Despite courts acquitting him of all charges in four separate cases and a judge's decision to provisionally release him in a fifth case, the Supreme State Security Prosecution ordered his detention pending investigations into a separate sixth case on similar spurious terrorism-related accusations. Since his transfer to the Badr Prison Complex in November 2022, his detention renewal hearings have been held online, further violating his fair trial rights to meaningfully challenge the legality of his detention.

Anas al-Beltagy has been subjected to torture and other ill-treatment, including through prolonged solitary confinement and denial of healthcare. He has been banned from any visits, phone calls or written correspondence with his family and lawyers since 2017. Prison officials continue to ban his family from bringing him any food and medicine.

In light of the above, I urge you to ensure that Anas al-Beltagy is immediately and unconditionally released and all charges against him are dropped as they are brought solely because of his family links and his exercise of his human rights.

Yours sincerely,