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Medical treatment for Emirlendris Benítez, Juan Carlos Marrufo and María Auxiliadora Delgado

Dear Mr. President Nicolas Maduro,

The authorities responsible for the life and safety of all detainees in Venezuela must immediately stop withholding medical care. The neglect of the health of Emirlendris Benítez, Juan Carlos Marrufo and María Auxiliadora Delgado is unacceptable and violates their human rights. All three need urgent medical attention, which authorities under your command must provide immediately.

Emirlendris Benítez is a mother, sister and businessowner who should have never been detained, let alone endure an unfair 30-year prison sentence. She is victim of arbitrary detention, torture, gender-based violence, discrimination, unfair trial, and inhumane prison conditions. As a result of all these injustices, she requires urgent surgery to treat potentially life-threatening health conditions. It is within your power to put a stop to her suffering and avoid irreversible damage.

María Auxiliadora Delgado and Juan Carlos Delgado have been unfairly detained for approximately three years. Both require urgent medical tests to diagnose and treat health conditions that put their safety, and potentially their lives, at risk. They were first arrested on 19 March 2019 by the General Directorate of Military Counterintelligence (DGCIM). They are victims of arbitrary detentions, inhumane detention conditions, and have been deprived of their plans of growing their family.

Emirlendris Benítez, Juan Carlos Marrufo and María Auxiliadora Delgado should be immediately and unconditionally released. While they remain in custody of the state, you must guarantee their lifes and safety. We urge you to urgently grant them access to trusted and adequate medical care, including urgent testing and treatment.

Yours sincerely,

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