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Your Excellency,

I respectfully request your attention for the case of Thong Chan, a Protestant Christian in the province Udomxai. He was arrested in 1999 for preaching the gospel, accused of treason and sentenced to 15 years labour camp. The prisoner of conscience is reportedly sick.

I am convinced that your government's international reputation will be enhanced by being seen to adhere to Article 18 of the UN Declaration on Human Rights, which clearly states everyone's right to free expression of faith. The constitution of Laos provides „Religious freedom“, too.

I appeal to you to release Thong Chan and to enable him to continue his peaceful duties as a respected citizen.

In confidence of your careful attention,

Yours sincerely,

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