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The Custodian of the two Holy Mosques

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Your Majesty,

I was shocked to hear of the unfair mass trial of the 12 men mentioned above, who were sentenced to death in the trial. Their families fear that the executions will take place soon. The cases of the men have been handed over by the Specialised Criminal Court, SCC, to the security authorities.

I call upon you most respectfully to stop the executions and to revoke the sentences passed on the men. There are significant reasons to doubt that the trial was in fact fair. Consequently I ask you to grant the men a new trial in accordance with the international standards for fair trials, in which irrespective of the result of the new trial the death penalty would not be imposed even if they were found guilty.

Furthermore please conduct an impartial, independent and appropriate investigation of the accusations of ill-treatment made by the men.

Finally I entreat you to have a moratorium called on all executions, as a first step to a complete abolishment of the death penalty in Saudi Arabia.

Yours faithfully,