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Dear Director,

I was extremely distressed to hear that about hundred members of the Christian of the Early Rain community in Chengdu in the province of Sichuan were arrested and detained after a police raid on 9 December. One of the members of the group imprisoned is Li Yingqian. Since the arrest he has neither contact to his family or access to legal counsel of his choice. It seems that he is in danger of being tortured or ill treated in other ways.

I call upon you respectfully to have Li Yingqian released immediately and unconditionally unless there is adequate credible evidence which would be accepted by a court of law that he has committed a crime recognised as such by the rule of law as defined by the United Nation’s. If that is indeed the case, I ask you to ensure that he is tried in a court according to the role of law.

Furthermore, dear Director, I call upon you to ensure that Li Yingqian

* is neither tortured nor ill treated in other ways while still being detained,
* has regular access to legal counsel of his choice and also to his family.

Yours faithfully,