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Minister of the Interior

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**Mozambique**

*Amade Abubacar*

Dear Minister,

I was extremely concerned to hear that the radio journalist **Amade Abubacar** was arrested on January 5 in the province of Cabo Delgado, probably in connection with the interviews he had been carrying out for those who had fled from violent attacks in the north of Cabo Delgado. He is being held incommunicado in prison and until now has not been charged officially and has no access to his legal counsel. Furthermore I have heard that he was handed over to the military authorities.

I appeal to you, dear Minister to have Amade Abubacar released immediately and unconditionally from this arbitrary military imprisonment.

Furthermore I request you respectfully to ensure that pending his release he is neither tortured nor mishandled in other ways and that he has regular access to his family and legal counsel of his choice.

Finally I call upon you to ensure that all journalists in the Maputo have the chance to carry out their work without fear of attacks, intimidation, harassment and censorship.

Yours faithfully,