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*Dear Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh,*

*I am writing to express my deepest concern regarding writer and activist Pham Doan Trang, who is currently serving a sentence of nine years' imprisonment for "conducting propaganda against the State of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam" under Article 88 of the 1999 Penal Code.*

*Pham Doan Trang has committed her life to improving the welfare of all citizens in Vietnam, and she has received international recognition of her activism and writing in support of others, with examples including her being a recipient of the [2022 Martin Ennals Award](#) and the [2020 IPA Prix Voltaire Award](#).*

*In retaliation for her selfless advocacy, she has faced relentless persecution by the Vietnamese government, which has resulted in her being subjected to assault, forced homelessness and arbitrary imprisonment. Since she was initially detained in October 2020, she has been repeatedly denied adequate access to legal representation and medical care, raising significant concerns over her wellbeing. The decision to transfer Pham Doan Trang to a remote prison facility on [1 October 2022](#) serves only to further isolate her, complicating her ability to receive visits from her family and legal representatives.*

*Pham Doan Trang's unjust imprisonment has drawn international condemnation from the [United Nations Special Procedures](#), [human rights groups](#), and [governments around the world](#). Her imprisonment is emblematic of the widespread repression of civil society in Vietnam, which has resulted in the arbitrary detention of numerous journalists and human rights defenders.*

*I urge you to ensure that Pham Doan Trang has adequate access to healthcare, along with immediate and unimpeded access to her family and legal representatives. She must be released immediately and unconditionally, with her conviction overturned.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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