President of the People's Republic of China XI Jinping The State Council General Office 2 Fuyoujie Xichengqu Beijingshi 100017 People's Republic of China

Your Excellency,

I write regarding the case of **Gao Zhisheng** 高智晟, a highly respected human rights lawyer. He has been subjected to enforced disappearance, torture, illegal house arrest and detention as a result of his peaceful work. **Gao Zhisheng** 高智晟_is currently imprisoned in Shaya County Prison in Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region in northwest China.

Amnesty International considers Gao a Prisoner of Conscience. I urge you to secure his immediate release and to ensure that, while he remains in detention, he is not tortured or ill-treated. Please do everything in your power to free this admirable defender of human rights.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely,

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