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Dear Mr. President,

Today I am writing to you because the authorities in your country have so far refused to allow Ahmed H. to enter Cyprus. He is married to a citizen of your country and they have two daughters who are also Cypriot citizens.

Ahmed H. has been separated from his wife and children for almost four years. In September 2015 he was imprisoned in Hungary and wrongly sentenced for "terrorism" – despite worldwide protests by among others Amnesty International, the European Parliament and the US Embassy in Hungary.

Ahmed H. had accompanied his parents and his brother's family on their flight from the war in Syria to Northern Europe. He became involved in violent clashes between the Hungarian border police and the refugees. He was arrested as an alleged "ringleader". But he only wanted to help his family members.

Finally, Ahmed H. was released from prison on 19 January 2019. He has served his sentence. But since his release, he has been stuck in an extradition center in Hungary. Since he is a Syrian citizen, there is a danger that he will be deported to Syria, a war-torn country. This must not happen! Cyprus, your country, Mr President, where he has lived legally for years and where he is well integrated, must allow him to return to his family.

I call on you to make a personal appeal to the relevant authorities to ensure that Ahmed H. is given the necessary papers so that he can enter your country immediately.

This is urgent and we look forward to receiving your positive reply. Ahmed H.’s daughters – one is nine years old and the other seven – do not deserve to grow up without their father. We ask you to reunite this family which was torn apart by adverse circumstances. This would be a humanitarian act. You have the power and the opportunity to prove that your country is a place of justice and humanity!

Respectfully

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