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Your Excellency,

German-Iranian political dissident Jamshid Sharmahd, aged 66, has been arbitrarily detained for over eight months in connection with his involvement in the Iranian opposition group, Kingdom Assembly of Iran. State TV has aired propaganda videos which show Sharmahd 'confessing' to having a role in the 2008 explosion in Shiraz, Fars province, in violation of his right to the presumption of innocence as well as the right not to self-incriminate. Since December 2020, the authorities have subjected him to circumstances akin to an enforced disappearance by holding him in unidentified locations

As an older person with pre-existing conditions, Sharmahd is at heightened risk of severe illness or death if he contracts COVID-19 while in pre-trial detention. In light of this and the fact that he is arbitrarily detained, I call on you to release him. Pending his release, ensure that he is provided with adequate medical care, a lawyer of his choosing, consular assistance from the German authorities and regular communication with his family. If charged with an internationally recognizable criminal offence, he must be tried in accordance with international fair trial standards in proceedings that exclude coerced "confessions" and without recourse to the death penalty.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Naam, adres)