**From: place, date:**

**To:**
President of Uzbekistan
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USBEKISTAN

Dear President,

On 7 January 2019 a closed-door criminal trial began against former Prosecutor General and former Judge of the Constitutional Court Rashitjon Kadirov and 12 co-defendants in Yunusabad District Criminal Court. Rashitjon Kadirov has been charged under 12 articles of the Criminal Code including persecution of innocent persons, bribery and embezzlement.

Rashitjon Kadirov has been held in pre-trial detention since 21 February 2018. Amnesty International has received credible reports testifying that Rashitjon Kadirov has been subjected to physical abuse, death threats, sleep deprivation and threats against his relatives, to force him to testify against himself and others.

I urge you to ensure Rashitjon Kadirov and his 12 co-defendants are protected from torture and other ill-treatment and that they have prompt access to necessary and adequate medical care. I also urge you to launch an impartial investigation into the allegations of torture and ill-treatment against Rashitjon Kadirov and his co-defendants and hold those responsible accountable.

Yours sincerely,