**Case: Teodora del Carmen Vásquez, El Salvador**

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Dear Minister of Justice,

Teodora del Carmen Vásquez is currently serving a 30 year prison sentence for aggravated homicide, after suffering a still-birth at work. She was presumed guilty of having an “abortion” rather than the potential victim of pregnancy complications.

Teodora’s trial was flawed and lacking in due process. She was presumed guilty and, being from a poor family, could not afford an effective legal team to represent her.

Minister, I call on you to:

* Take action to ensure Teodora del Carmen Vásquez is immediately released.
* Take action to release all other women incarcerated for pregnancy-related complications who have exhausted other legal remedies.

Teodora has already spent over eight years in jail. She is now applying for her sentence to be commuted. Her last hope is in your hands.

Yours,