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The Honourable John Baird
Minister of Foreign Affairs Canada
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2

Dear Minister:

Canadians detained in Egypt

On behalf of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), we would like to register our deep concern for Canadians Tarek Loubani, MD, and John Greyson, filmmaker, who were arrested in Egypt on August 16th. We ask that the government of Canada urgently secure their immediate and safe release.

Dr. Loubani is an emergency physician at the University of Western Ontario (UWO) and a member of Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care. He has worked extensively to provide volunteer medical care in conflict situations internationally and for refugees in Canada. Award-winning Toronto filmmaker, writer, and educator, John Greyson, is a Professor at York University in the Department of Film. Both were travelling to the Gaza Strip, where they are working on an international academic and medical collaboration between the UWO and the main hospital in the Gaza Strip, the al-Shifa hospital.

We call for the immediate consular intervention to press the Egyptian authorities to secure the immediate and safe release of Dr. Loubani and Professor Greyson. At this time, our thoughts are also with the many people in Egypt who have been arrested, beaten and killed.

Yours truly,

PAUL MOIST
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c.c.: Michael Butler; Pam Beattie; Daria Ivanochko; Kelti Cameron; H.E. Wael Aboul-Magd, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Canada; H.E. David Drake, Ambassador of Canada to Egypt

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