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Mitglied im PEN International

Freedom for writer, journalist, and member of PEN Myanmar Wai Moe Naing

Dear Mr. Ambassador

The International PEN Center has provided us, the PEN Center of German-speaking Authors Abroad, with a list of 34 imprisoned writers and journalists in Myanmar. PEN centers worldwide are committed to the right to freedom of expression. Since we believe that each detained writer and journalist is acting based on this existential human right, we are confident that the arrests are unlawful. We generally demand freedom for all those arrested.

I am a poet from Germany, and I am writing to you because of one of the detainees, my esteemed fellow writer, journalist, and member of PEN Myanmar Wai Moe Naing, who has been detained since April 15.

I have learned that the charges against him are politically motivated. Therefore, on behalf of the PEN Center of German-Speaking Writers Abroad and PEN International, I request that all charges against him be dropped by the government of Myanmar and that he has full access to family visits and legal representation until his release.

In addition, I would like to ask you to ensure that the right to freedom of expression and association in Myanmar is fully respected in law and practice, per Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

I would be very grateful if you could comply with our requests.

Yours sincerely

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