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Dear President,

I am writing to you concerning the case of Than Zaw.

He has been imprisoned with others since 1989, charged with planting a bomb at the Than Hlin refinery. Although all three confessed during severe interrogation, I understand that subsequently the person responsible for the bombings has confessed. I recognise that many governments find it hard to admit their mistakes, but it would be to the credit of Myanmar if they could accept that in this case the wrong person has been punished.

During his imprisonment both Than Hlin's parents have died, and the best way to remedy this injustice would be to accept that a mistake has been made and secure his release from prison. I am asking you to take this difficult step, in the knowledge that if you do so world opinion will recognise your courage and understanding in putting this situation right.

Yours sincerely,