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## RELEASE TAIR KAMINER AND OMRI BARANES

Berlin, July 2016

Dear Minister, dear Brigadier General,  
dear Commanders,

Tair Kaminer and Omri Baranes have been imprisoned for their refusal to join the Israeli military. This is Tair Kaminer's sixth imprisonment and Omri Baranaes' third imprisonment.

Tair Kaminer and Omri Baranes refuse to enlist in the Israeli Army based on beliefs and conscience. They claim their human right to conscientious objection. In a decision from January 2007, the United Nations Human Rights Committee recognized the right to conscientious objection as a legitimate exercise of the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, as guaranteed by Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), of which Israel is a signatory.

Repeated imprisonment is a violation of international legal standards. The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in opinion 24/2003 on Israel came to the conclusion that the repeated imprisonment of conscientious objectors in Israel is arbitrary, and therefore it constitutes a violation of 14 par. 7 of the ICCPR.

I urge you to immediately release Tair Kaminer and Omri Baranes, to ensure that they are not re-imprisoned in future and to recognize the human right of conscientious objection.

Yours sincerely,

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