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Dear Attorney General,

Allow me to draw your attention to the case of Omar Khadr. He is a Canadian citizen who was taken into US custody during a battle near Khost in Afghanistan on 27 July 2002 and transferred to Guantánamo Bay in October the same year. He was then only 15 years old. He has reportedly been subjected to torture and ill-treatment both during his detention in Afghanistan and at Guantánamo Bay.

Omar Khadr has been denied access to an independent and impartial court to challenge the lawfulness of his detention. Instead he has been charged for trial by the military commission under procedures that do not comply with international fair trial standards.

I call for Omar Khadr to be given a fair trial or else to be released immediately. I demand a full and impartial investigation into the allegations of his torture and ill-treatment while in US custody in Afghanistan and Guantánamo Bay and for all those found responsible to be brought to justice.

I also call for the US government to set up a commission of inquiry into all the aspects on the US "war on terror" detention policies and practices. I urge that the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay be closed and for all other war on terror detention facilities to be opened up to external scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,