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Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould,
House of Commons, Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
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Dear Minister Wilson-Raybould,

I write to you on behalf of Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC), the peace and social justice agency of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Canada. CFSC feels great concern for the situation of Hassan Diab. This gentleman was extradited to France in 2014, accused of participating in a bombing in Paris in 1980. Hassan was extradited on the basis of evidence that would not be accepted in a Canadian court; evidence that comes from secret intelligence, which may be inadmissible or unreliable but cannot be challenged; and evidence that has already been shown to be false. Judges in France have repeatedly ruled that he should be released, due to the existence of evidence that contradicts the charges against him. The prosecutor has consistently refused, arousing concern that a political motivation may underlie Hassan's continued incarceration.

We consider that Hassan Diab was denied the civil liberties due any Canadian faced with an extradition request by another country, and that he is now clearly unable to expect a fair legal process in France. We urge you to raise these issues with your French counterpart and to press for his prompt release and return to Canada.

Sincerely,

Lana Robinson,
Clerk, Canadian Friends Service Committee

CC:

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs
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