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President Nicolás Maduro,

**I am writing to express alarm over the continued arbitrary detention of Rocío San Miguel**. Not only was she subjected to short-term enforced disappearance for five excruciating days, but she continues to be unfairly held in «El Helicoide», a detention centre of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN) in Caracas, Venezuela. Since her detention on 9 February 2024, she has been repeatedly denied access to her trusted legal representation and the authorities have withheld family visits until Rocío’s daughter was allowed a first visit on 18 February.

While we welcome the conditional release of her daughter and other family members, they should have never been arrested in the first place and so the charges against them should be immediately dropped. Similarly, Rocío, her former partner, and all those arbitrarily detained for political reasons, including human rights defender and prisoner of conscience Javier Tarazona should be released without conditions or delays.

**We demand the immediate and unconditional release of Rocío San Miguel. While Rocío remains arbitrarily detained, we call on you to guarantee her safety and that she has immediate access to her lawyers of choice, as well as family visits without undue restrictions.**

Sincerely,

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