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His Excellence Mr. Alassane Outtara  
President

Mr. Ahoussou Kouadio, Prime Minister

Abidjan  
Ivory Coast

**The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO) demands the release of  
Basile Mahan Gahé, General Secretary of CISL-DIGNITE**

President,

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO) with 1,5 million members and affiliated to the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) is writing to you to demand the release of our colleague, Basile Mahan Gahé, General Secretary of CISL-DIGNITE, imprisoned in Boundiali prison for over a year.

LO notes that to date the Ivorian government has not responded favourably to the different requests and interventions by figures and national and international institutions concerned about the circumstances and conditions under which Basile Mahan Gahé was arrested and detained in Boundiali prison (700km from Abidjan). The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and the International Labour Office (ILO) have repeatedly sent missions to Abidjan where they met with several government ministers and called, without success, for the release of the imprisoned trade unionist. The 2012 ILO Report of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations examined the case of Mahan Gahé and also condemned the arbitrary imprisonment of the trade union leader and called for his release.

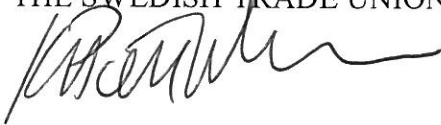
LO reminds the Ivorian government that it is essential that it respects its commitments to human rights and trade union freedom. The release of Basile Mahan Gahé would strengthen the march of Côte d'Ivoire towards national reconciliation and social peace, two conditions required to put your country on the road to development.

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We look forward to your prompt response,

Yours sincerely,  
THE SWEDISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (LO)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl-Petter Thorwaldsson', written over the typed name.

Karl-Petter Thorwaldsson  
President