

Dear [Insert the name of the government official]

### **An Urgent Call to Release of Ahmed Mansoor**

As part of the [StandAsMyWitness Campaign](#), we join CIVICUS to call on the United Arab Emirates (UAE) authorities to drop all trump-up charges against human rights defender Ahmed Mansoor and ensure his immediate and unconditional release.

Ahmed Mansoor is one of the last voices within the UAE who provided a credible independent assessment of human rights development in the country. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison on trump-up charges of insulting the status of the UAE by publishing false reports on social media. He has been on several hunger strikes in protest against the solitary confinement, ill-treatment and torture he suffers in Al-Sadr prison.

We call on you to give Ahmed Mansoor's family, friends, colleagues, and many others arrested in the UAE a reason to renew their hopes for a better UAE where human rights defenders are protected.

We urge you to:

- Immediately and unconditionally release Ahmed Mansoor and other human rights defenders incarcerated for their human rights work;
- Respect the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly and allow human rights defenders to operate without fear of reprisals.
- Stop carrying out new arrests of human rights defenders and cracking down critical voices.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name of Your Organisation/Movement]

Use the details below to write to Nicaraguan authorities and call for the release of Medardo Mairena and Pedro Mena.

- Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva; Twitter: @UAEUNGENEVA
- United Nations System in the United Arab Emirates; Twitter: @UN\_UAE