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Cc: The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
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Re: Detention of Dr. Reiner Fuellmich

Your excellency, Dear Mrs. Edwards,

We, the undersigned, kindly request that you investigate the conditions of detention of the renowned German lawyer Dr. Reiner Fuellmich. More specifically, we ask you to investigate his detention, his continued detention and the conditions of his detention.

We have strong reason to believe that his detention, his continued detention and the conditions of his detention qualify as physical and/or psychological torture and/or arbitrary detention as described in Article 5, and Articles 9 - 12, Article 19 and Article 30 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 7, Articles 9 - 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Article 2 paragraph 2 and the other provisions of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Nelson Mandela Rules for Prisoners.

In the aforementioned articles, torture of any kind is absolutely prohibited and banned.

Article 1 of the Nelson Mandela Rules states:

“All prisoners shall be treated with the respect due to their inherent dignity and value as human beings. No prisoner shall be subjected to, and all prisoners shall be protected from, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, for which no circumstances whatsoever may be invoked as a justification. The safety and security of prisoners, staff, service providers and visitors shall be ensured at all times”.

After being kidnapped from Mexico, Reiner Fuellmich was imprisoned at JVA Rosdorf, the State prison of Rosdorf, on 13 October 2023. He is still there today – over 12 months later – and continues to be held on remand under harsh and inhuman conditions. Even worse, he has been kept in solitary confinement since 10 July 2024.

The reason given for Reiner Fuellmich’s incarceration is that he may flee the country, while being prosecuted for alleged embezzlement of donations made to Corona Ausschuss, the information platform that he co-founded in July 2020. Through this information platform, Reiner Fuellmich conducted interviews with many scientists and other experts who questioned the Covid-19 narrative and measures. As time went on, more and more topics were covered and official narratives were questioned. During the 2022 elections in Germany, Reiner Fuellmich became the leading election candidate for the newly established political party Die Basis.

In light of this context, we firmly believe that Dr. Reiner Fuellmich is being prosecuted for the purpose of silencing him and preventing him from ever working as a lawyer and/or (aspiring) politician again.

Reiner Fuellmich is an internationally acclaimed lawyer, licenced in both Germany and California, and he is known for high-profile cases such as those against Deutsche Bank (fraud) and Volkswagen (diesel scandal).

Pursuant to the UN Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers (1990), article 16 clearly states:

“Governments shall ensure that lawyers (a) are able to perform all of their professional functions without intimidation, hindrance, harassment or improper interference; (b) are able to travel and to consult with their clients freely both within their country and abroad; and (c) shall not suffer, or be threatened with, prosecution or administrative, economic or other sanctions for any action taken in accordance with recognized professional duties, standards and ethics.”

1. A criminal “show trial”?

When mounting evidence, brought forward by the defence team and from witness statements, made it increasingly clear that the allegation of embezzlement was false, the Higher Regional Court of Braunschweig decided on 5 November 2024 to allow 16 additional charges. These charges had previously been dismissed three times: in June 2022 by the Chief Prosecutor of Göttingen and a public prosecutor in Berlin, and more recently, in January 2024, by the court of Göttingen. Reinstating these additional allegations appears to be an attempt to prevent Reiner Fuellmich from being released, when the first trial ends.

Given the clear lack of evidence to support the indictment that has led to Reiner Fuellmich's imprisonment for more than a year, the trial seems unfair, the accusations false, and the punishment requested by the Public Prosecutor disproportionate. Furthermore, the court does not appear to be impartial.

To explain why we are seeking your help with this matter, we outline our concerns below and provide a brief overview of what has transpired, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

2. Detained and Extradited

When, on 10 October 2023, Reiner Fuellmich and his wife went to Tijuana airport, to meet, as they believed, personnel of the German Consulate in Mexico, Reiner Fuellmich was detained, separated from his wife and taken to Mexico City. There, Reiner Fuellmich was made to sign deportation documents, which were written only in Spanish and no interpreter was present to allow him to understand what he was signing. None of the grounds for deportation applied to his situation. Two Mexican guards transported Reiner Fuellmich from Mexico City to New Mexico in the United States, where they boarded a Lufthansa plane, which took them to Frankfurt Germany. It was later learned that the Federal Republic of Germany had paid for all flights and accommodation, indicating that this was not a deportation, but an unlawful extradition. Upon arrival in Frankfurt, Reiner Fuellmich was formally arrested. He was transported to Rosdorf prison on 13 October 2023, where he remains today, more than a year later.

3. Censorship

Reiner Fuellmich's trial began on 3 January 2024, in the city of Göttingen. To date, approximately 40 hearings have taken place. Repeatedly, the defence's official requests to hear witnesses have

been largely refused. The main witness, Marcel Templin, has never been heard. Marcel Templin allegedly took the proceeds from the sale of Reiner Fuellmich's residence, thereby making it impossible for Fuellmich to pay back the loan. Since July 2024, the presiding judge, Carsten Schindler, has required that all input from the defence team, such as requests for admission of evidence, be submitted in writing rather than presented orally. As a result of this decision journalists and the public no longer know what is being 'discussed'.

4. Shackled

Up to now, when Reiner Fuellmich has been transported to and from the courthouse, he has been accompanied by heavily armed prison guards and police. His hands and feet have been shackled and chained together. Additionally, before every journey, the guards were instructed to advise Reiner Fuellmich to wear a bullet proof vest. Because he refused to do so, he needed to sign a waiver and was told each time that he risks being hit by a stray bullet. The guards have told Reiner Fuellmich that they have never seen such measures employed before, for a non-violent prisoner like himself. We have received information that, starting in 2025, the prison will refrain from shackling his feet.

5. Nearly Six Months in Solitary Confinement

Reiner Fuellmich has been placed in solitary confinement twice. The first time was during the weekend of his birthday in May 2024, when he was not allowed to receive any visitors or make any telephone calls. The second time was on 10 July 2024. So, for nearly six months, since 10 July 2024, Fuellmich has been in solitary confinement.

Reiner Fuellmich's isolation is based on the perception that he is 'incendiary' because he had spoken to many of his prison mates about the corona crisis and other topics he had covered with Corona Ausschuss. He also advised them on their legal cases and arranged lawyers for some.

It is our understanding that a prisoner kept in isolation in Germany should be medically and psychologically checked after a period of three months to assess his state of health, both physical and mental. Despite repeated requests from his lawyers to have this assessment conducted, this assessment has not yet taken place. Reiner Fuellmich has meanwhile seen a prison doctor whom he trusts.

The United Nations publication of 28 February 2020 states that solitary confinement for over 15 days constitutes torture. We refer to this UN publication: [Connecticut prison warning: Prolonged solitary confinement may 'amount to torture', UN expert warns | UN News](#). In the case of Reiner Fuellmich, he has been held in solitary confinement for nearly six months.

At the end of November, Reiner Fuellmich was given permission to begin doing daily sports, albeit on his own. In the first week of December, he was allowed to talk to prison mates again. These "generosities" must also be seen in the context of the Higher Regional Court launching a second trial, ensuring Reiner Fuellmich will remain in custody for, presumably, at least another year.

6. Consequences for Befriended Prisoners

Up until recently, if, at any time, any of the other prisoners would greet or even nod at Reiner Fuellmich, both they and Reiner Fuellmich were punished. So far, two prisoners have been physically assaulted and moved to another prison. One of them was physically assaulted by prison staff. Reiner Fuellmich believes their treatment was the result of him befriending them and exchanging information, especially about their court cases.

7. Detention Conditions Prohibited Attendance Mother's Memorial Service

When the health of Reiner Fuellmich's mother was deteriorating during the summer of 2024, he asked the prison authorities on what conditions he would be allowed to visit her for a last goodbye. He was told he could only visit her shackled, chained and accompanied by heavily armed guards. Not wanting to traumatise his dying mother, Reiner Fuellmich decided against saying goodbye. On the 29th of November, the family held a ceremony to disperse his mother's ashes over a lake. The prison authorities prohibited Reiner Fuellmich from attending the ceremony on the grounds that "his supporters might try to help him escape by land, air or water." His supporters are peace-loving citizens and no incidents of violence or disturbance have ever occurred.

8. Latest Developments

On Sunday 8 December 2024, Bittel TV revealed that Reiner Fuellmich intends to run as an independent candidate in the upcoming German elections, in Wuppertal. The next day, German media reported that Fuellmich's leading lawyer, Katja Wörmer, had to pay a fine of €4,400, for having recorded 10 public statements of Reiner Fuellmich and for having them published. These statements have been aired at separate times, during the last year. Katja Wörmer, at no time, was told to stop these recordings. In fact, Katja Wörmer was under the impression that she had been given permission by the court in December 2023 to publish these recordings. The fine is another indication, that the prosecution of Reiner Fuellmich could be merely political and that the German authorities want to silence him and prevent him becoming politically active. The last seven hearings of 2024 (from 25 November up to today) were cancelled due to illnesses of judges.

9. Sources of Information

The information in this letter is based on the reports provided by Djamila le Pair, a journalist based in The Netherlands, who has been covering Reiner Fuellmich's court cases (www.pinchofsoot.nl) and on Reiner Fuellmich's own audio statements of November 4, 2024 (<https://icic.law/2024/11/05/statement-dr-reiner-fuellmich-november-4-2024/>) and November 30 November 2024 (<https://icic.law/2024/12/03/statement-dr-reiner-fuellmich-november-30-2024/>). Reiner Fuellmich's address is:

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The Free Reiner Fuellmich website <https://www.freereinerfuellmich.org/> lists 46,000 signatures of people from all over the world, requesting the immediate release of Reiner Fuellmich.

Request:

We kindly ask that you investigate whether Reiner Fuellmich's imprisonment at JVA Rosdorf, his treatment during court hearings (and transport to and from the court), and/or his solitary confinement, constitute torture or otherwise degrading and/or cruel or unjust punishment and/or coercion and/or arbitrary detention. If they, or any one of them do, we ask you to request Reiner Fuellmich's immediate release.

More specifically we request that you:

- intervene on behalf of Reiner Fuellmich in this unlawful and political prosecution, with the Federal Republic of Germany;
- visit Reiner Fuellmich in the prison in Rosdorf;
- ensure that Reiner Fuellmich is examined by an independent doctor and an independent psychiatrist to determine the status of his health and wellbeing;
- examine whether the Federal Republic of Germany needs to be held accountable for wrongful extradition and detention;
- produce a report of your findings.

We thank you in advance for your much valued actions and look forward to your report on this disturbing situation.

With our highest respect,



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