

Secretary General and State President Nguyễn Phú Trọng
Số 2 Hùng Vương, Ngọc Hồ, Ba Đình
Hà Nội 118708, Viet Nam

November 10, 2020

Viet Nam Woman Human Rights Defender At Risk Of Torture

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you for the immediate and unconditional release of the woman human rights activist **Pham Thi Doan Trang** from prison. She was arrested for her peaceful human rights activism. She is currently facing 20 years in prison for writing about human rights, is held incommunicado, and is at risk for torture.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International about reports that **Pham Thi Doan Trang** faced harassment, intimidation and attacks before her arrest on October 6, 2020. She has been arbitrarily detained, threatened, and tortured while in police custody and is currently a prisoner of conscience.

We believe that you have an obligation to make sure Pham Thi Doan Trang is released immediately and unconditionally and that until she is free, she must be granted prompt, regular, and unrestricted access to adequate medical care, family visits, and access to a lawyer of her choice. We urge you to treat her in full accordance with the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and she must be fully protected from torture and other ill-treatment. Once she is released, we urge you to remember your obligation to protect and defend her as a human rights activist in accordance to the international human rights law and your own Constitution.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Nathan Lane
Executive Director
TRU Students' Union



Mackenzie Francoeur
Vice President Equity
TRU Students' Union

cc: Ambassador Cao Phong Pham