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Senior General THAN SHWE  
Chairman of the State  
Peace and Development Council  
c/o Ministry of Defence  
Naypyitaw  
MYANMAR

Dear Mr. President,

U Win Htein, a senior assistant to the National League of Democracy party leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, is serving a 14-year prison sentence. He was imprisoned in 1996 for organizing the collection of information about agricultural productivity, and for helping three foreign journalists report on prison conditions for political prisoners in Myanmar.

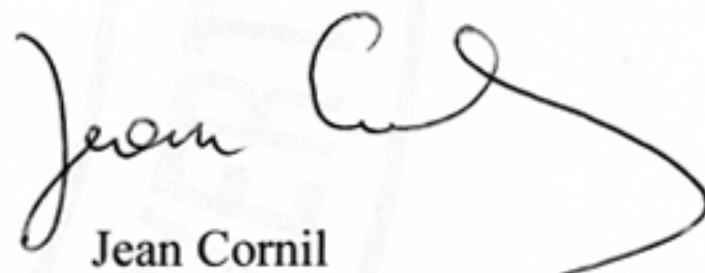
As part of a government amnesty, he was freed on 23 September 2008. He was rearrested the following day, and taken to Katha Prison in Sagaing, in the north of the country, over 1,000km from his home in the former capital, Yangon. Since then he has been returned to solitary confinement.

U Win Htein suffers from stomach problems and heart diseases and he needs an emergency medical treatment.

U Win Htein is a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for the peaceful exercise of his rights to freedom of expression and association. That is why I have decided to propose him and as citizen and Deputy from Belgium, I ask, Mr President, for his immediate release.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Jean Cornil