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Major General Abbas Ibrahim
Director of General Security
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Adlieh, Beirut

Beirut, December 17, 2018

Dear Major General Ibrahim,

Following our correspondence with your office on October 25, 2018 and your well-received response on November 27, 2018, we are writing to you on behalf of Human Rights Watch and the Arab Foundation for Freedoms and Equality to thank you for your detailed reply and to request a formal meeting to discuss the issues you raised, as well as recent developments related to the crackdown on gender and sexuality advocates in Lebanon.

In particular, we have noted that several Arab participants in the *NEDWA* conference, which was held on September 29, 2018, have since been denied entry into Lebanon.

We hope that the meeting will serve as an opportunity for us to introduce ourselves and our work on the rights of sexual and gender minorities and establish a working relationship based on the mutual respect for human rights and individual freedoms.

We would be grateful to receive your response by **January 15, 2019**. Thank you in advance for considering our request. I can be reached by phone on +961 [REDACTED] and email on [REDACTED]

Yours Sincerely,

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