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Dear Ana,

I would like to thank you for your letter, wherein you voice strong concerns about the case of Professor Anand Teltumbde.

The EU Delegation to India in New Delhi is in close contact with human rights organisations and lawyers, which are part of the national and international campaign to draw attention to and support human rights defenders who have been recently arrested or intimidated in India. The Delegation has been enquiring with Indian authorities about recent cases and remains seized with the situation.

As part of its regular activities, the EU Delegation has been supporting a number of projects that promote access to justice and empower human rights defenders, under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR).

Moreover, the EU supports human rights defenders on the basis of the European Union Guidelines on human rights defenders as well as through awareness raising activities and financial assistance if needed.

Please rest assured that the EU is well aware of the situation of human rights defenders in India and closely follows up on the relevant cases.

Yours sincerely,


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