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Federica Mogherini

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security
Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

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Dear Federica,

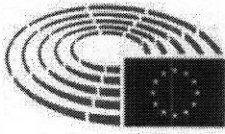
I have just learnt that the Ethiopian authorities have deported British journalist William Davidson, after refusing for several months to grant him accreditation in the country.

Mr. Davidson was based in Ethiopia and the UK, reporting for outlets such as The Guardian and Bloomberg News, being one of the few voices exposing the massive human rights' violations committed by the TPLF/EPRDF regime.

This deportation, together with the arrest of respected blogger Seyoum Teshome, represents yet new cases in the regime's on-going clampdown on media, in an effort to quiet all dissident voices and prevent unbiased sources of information to cover what is really going on in the country.

In my letter addressed to you and Commissioner Gabriel on 18 January, I plead for your assistance in the case of the interruption of the Ethiopian Satellite Television's (ESAT) satellite broadcasting service. I ask again that the EU does not stand idle, while massive killings, persecution and forced displacement of whole villages are ongoing in Ethiopia.

The EU's strategy of silence on Ethiopia has allowed the ruling regime to unabashedly continue committing atrocities against their people in all regions, but in particular Oromia and Ogaden. In the last few weeks, the Prime Minister has resigned and a new State of Emergency has been imposed - in these times of



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increased insecurity and massive popular protests throughout Ethiopia, it is time to end the complicity with this murderous totalitarian regime. It is what we stand for that is at stake also, in Ethiopia.

Best regards,

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