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Embassy of Ethiopia
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Dear Ambassador,

We are writing to express concern over the health situation of Ms. Reeyot Alemu, nominee for the Sakharov Prize 2013, who is jailed in Kaliti prison and who was on hunger strike from September 11th to the 15th. She was protesting the fact that she can only be visited by her parents and a religious Father. We also have reports that Ms. Alemu finds herself in an extremely difficult predicament in Kaliti prison, with deteriorating health and sharing the cell with an abusive inmate.

We hereby call you to urge the Ethiopian authorities to take immediate action, by not only ensuring that Ms. Alemu has access to proper medical treatment, but also by improving her detention conditions and putting an end to the abovementioned visitor restrictions.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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on Human Rights

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