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

Federica Mogherini

Brussels, 21 March 2019

Dear Ms Mogherini,

We would like to bring to your attention the case of Equatorial Guianese citizen, Mr. Joaquín Eló Ayeto.

Mr. Ayeto is a Human Rights activist and a political opposition militant. He was taken from his home by security forces unlawfully, without a warrant, on the 25th of February. He was then tortured and beaten, asked where Guillermo Nguema Ela was, who is the leader of an opposition party.

The activist managed to pass the message of what had happened to him to secure sources. He claims he was beaten by Braulio Bacale Ondo, a member of President Obiang's security team. Mr. Ayeto was then transferred to another prison (Black Beach) on the 1st of March, and no one has heard from him since, not even his lawyers who do not have access to him.

We therefore urge you and the EEAS to demand that Equatorial Guianese authorities release Mr. Ayeto immediately.

Best regards,

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