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Your Excellency

It is more than 21 years since your colleague and good friend, Aster Fissehatsion, was arrested and ‘disappeared’ on the orders of the Eritrean government. All the people pictured in the enclosed photograph have refused to forget Aster and continue to hope for news of her. We are motivated by goodwill and our concern for human rights.

Aster had committed no breach of any Eritrean law, was never charged with any offence and never appeared in any public court of law. As we are sure you are aware, it is a breach of international law to have withheld information from her friends and family about her health and whereabouts during the last 21 years.

We wish to request that you, as Minister of Justice, rectify the situation by sharing information about Aster’s health and whereabouts with her family, and by making that information publicly available.

Yours sincerely,

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