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His Excellency,

**I am writing to you regarding Equatoguinean human rights defender, Anacleto Micha Ndong, a member of the civic platform,** «**Guinea Ecuatorial también es nuestra**» **that opts for non-violent opposition and political dialogue.**

On 15 April, Anacleto Micha’s lawyer went to the Malabo prison of Black Beach where he was detained and was told that Anacleto Micha was not there. Anacleto Micha had been sent to Black Beach on 1 March where he was held in pre-trial detention for causing outrage and calumny by a gendarme who works at Black Beach prison, after Anacleto Micha started proceedings against him for allegedly torturing him the last time he was detained at Black Beach, in 2023.

Since 15 April, when his lawyer was not able to see him, there has not been any official information about Anacleto Micha’s whereabouts. According to different sources, he was allegedly transferred with other prisoners to Oveng Ansem prison in Mongomo municipality, in the continental part of the country and more than 400 km away from his home.

Concealing Anacleto Micha’s whereabouts amounts to an enforced disappearance under international law, placing him outside the protection of the law and exposing him especially to the risk of torture and other ill-treatment. Furthermore, Oveng Ansem prison – where it is believed he has been transferred to – has reportedly high rates of torture, which has even led allegedly to the death of some prisoners.

**In light of the above, I urge you to immediately disclose Anacleto Micha’s fate and whereabouts, ensuring that wherever he is held he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment, and to take all necessary steps to grant his immediate release from arbitrary detention which stems from his peaceful activism. I further urge you to ensure his allegations of torture are promptly, thoroughly, impartially, independently, transparently and effectively investigated and anyone suspected to be responsible is brought to justice in a fair trial.**

Yours sincerely,

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