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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for taking the liberty of drawing your attention to the fate of the Eritrean bishop, the Most Reverend Fikremariam Hagos Tsalim. This catholic bishop was in charge of the diocese of Segheneyti. After his return from a trip to Europe on October 15, 2022, he was arrested at the international airport in Asmara. Since then, no member of his flock has been able to ascertain anything about any type of allegations against him.

I would respectfully remind you, dear Mr. President, of the fact that the State of Eritrea has ratified "The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights" (ICCPR) in 2002, and that this covenant includes freedom of religion. I therefore humbly beseech you, Excellency, that you do everything in your power to advocate the release of Bishop Fikremariam Hagos Tsalim and other ministers of his church. Please allow the believers of his diocese, along with the general public, access to information about his fate.

Most respectfully,