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Your Excellency

Please forgive me for taking the liberty of drawing your attention to the fate of the 38-year-old Eritrean Christian, Ms. Twen Theodros. This Christian lady has been imprisoned without proper court proceedings since 2005. Security forces arrested her during a prayer meeting, and the authorities demanded that she abandon her Christian faith. She refused to do so, even if she was periodically kept under cruel and inhumane conditions, also suffering mistreatment.

In 2004 she was also arrested and taken into custody, and her father was forced to promise that his daughter discontinue contacts with her Christian community.

Dear Mr. President, the participation in peaceful religious meetings is at the core of the right of religious liberty, which Eritrea has guaranteed in 2002 with the ratification of "The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights" (ICCPR).

The arrest and long incarceration of Ms. Twen Theodros without due process violates this international covenant. I therefore humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to advocate the immediate release of this prisoner.

Most respectfully,