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His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
United Nations Secretary-General
United Nations Headquarters
New York

Re: The assassination of Ethiopian opposition party candidate

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

We are writing this urgent letter to bring to your attention the assassination of Mr. Samuel Awoke, a candidate and representative of Semayawi Party in the city of Debre Markos, Ethiopia, yesterday, June 15, 2015, by security forces of the regime in Ethiopia.

Samuel Awoke's assassination is not the first by the regime, but it is one of the most brazen. After the ruling party's security agents told Mr. Awoke that they were going to kill him, they savagely beat him on June 3 and again beat him to death on June 15, 2015.

The Ethiopian regime's violence against opposition party members, leaders, journalists, and innocent citizens is getting worse by the day. Yet, the international community, and particularly the United Nations and the financiers of the regime chose to turn a blind eye. During the recent elections in Ethiopia, and in the weeks leading up to it, tens of thousands of young Ethiopians have been rounded up and thrown in concentration camps. Several journalists and members of opposition parties are currently languishing in jail. And the regime has shamelessly announced that it has won 100% of the votes. Mr Awoke's assassination is the latest crime, which will continue unless world leaders intervene. Mr. Secretary-General, we urge you to look into the atrocities of the Ethiopian Regime.

Sincerely,

Ethiopian National Transitional Council (ENTC)