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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you regarding human rights defender, Anacleto Micha Ndong. He was sent to the Malabo prison of Black Beach on pre-trial detention on 1 March 2024. He has been accused of outrage and calumny by a gendarme who Ndong had accused of torturing him when he was detained in Black Beach in 2023. Since 15 April no one has seen Ndong or received any official confirmation of his whereabouts. This amounts to an enforced disappearance. According to some sources, he has been transferred to Oveng Ansem prison, where torture is reported to be prevalent.

I urge you to immediately disclose Ndong's fate and whereabouts, to ensure that 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 also urge you to effectively investigate his allegations of torture and to bring anyone suspected to be responsible to justice in a fair trial.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,