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Your Excellency,

I am greatly concerned about Aissatou Lamarana Diallo, a 28-year-old Guinean woman, who is still seeking justice and reparation following the killing of her husband Thierno Sadou Diallo by security forces on 7 May 2015. Despite her family filing a complaint with the general prosecutor on 8 May 2015, no one has been charged with the killing and no explanation has been provided as to the circumstances that led to her husband's death.

Opposition parties in Guinea had organized a series of protests on 7 May 2015, calling for changes to the electoral calendar to ensure local elections would be held before the presidential election. Thierno Sadou Diallo had not participated in the protests. He was killed while on his way home when the gendarmerie raided his neighbourhood at around 7pm and began to shoot as they ran after Thierno, his friends and others who were trying to find a safe place to hide away from the bullets. Thierno Sadou Diallo's friends tried to take him to a nearby clinic, but the gendarmes were blocking the streets with their pick-ups. By the time they got to the hospital, it was too late for Thierno Sadou Diallo.

I respectfully urge you to promptly, independently, impartially and effectively investigate the killing of Aissatou Lamarana Diallo's husband and ensure that those responsible are brought to justice in fair trials in line with international standards. Please ensure that Aissatou Lamarana Diallo is provided with full reparation for the killing of her husband so that she is able to become financially independent and live in dignity.

Yours sincerely

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