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To: Hon. E. Ms. Millie G. A. Odhiambo, MP - President
The IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
To: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Kenya
Cc: Hon. Mr. B. Mbuku Laka, MP
Member of IPU Human Rights Committee and MP of Congo
Cc: Hon. M. E. Blanc, MP
Member of IPU Human Rights Committee and MP of France
Cc: Hon. Ms. L.Quartapelle, MP
Member of IPU Human Rights Committee and MP of Italy
Cc: Hon. Ms. A. Reynoso, MP
Member of IPU Human Rights Committee and MP of Mexico
Cc: Hon. Ms. L. Fehlmann Rielle, MP
Member of IPU Human Rights Committee and MP of Switzerland
Cc: Hon. Ms. C. Asiaín Pereira, MP
Member of IPU Human Rights Committee and MP of Uruguay
Cc: Hon. Mr. H. Kamboni, MP
Member of IPU Human Rights Committee and MP of Zambia

Madam President,

It is my honor to write this letter to you, and I hope it finds you in good health and high spirits.

I write to you today with great respect and a sense of urgency. As the President of the IPU Human Rights Committee and a distinguished Member of the National Parliament of Kenya, I wish to bring to your attention a deeply troubling incident that occurred in Nairobi, Kenya, on June 19, 2024. Two Members of the Federal Parliament of Somalia, **MP Hassan Abdi Noor Abdi and MP Ahmed Abdi Koshin**, were unjustly arrested by five Kenyan Security Officers and detained in the car Security Officers were driving. During their detention, they were subjected to interrogations, harassment, and threats. They were denied access to a police station and were not shown identification by the officers, a situation that is both

alarming and unacceptable. The Somali MPs were in Nairobi for a holiday, as the Somali Parliament was not in session.

Upon investigation, it has come to light that these arrests were carried out by Kenyan security officers. Kenya has long been recognized as a bastion of stability and democracy in the region, renowned for its commitment to human rights. It is disheartening that such violations have occurred on Kenyan soil, particularly against elected representatives of a neighboring country.

Madam President, I implore you, as the President of the IPU Human Rights Committee and a Member of the Kenyan National Parliament, to conduct a thorough investigation into this matter and ensure that those responsible, including the complicit security officers, are held accountable. This incident not only undermines Kenya's reputation but also threatens the principles of justice and democracy that we all hold dear.

I commend you for your unwavering dedication to advocating for the rights of international parliamentarians through the IPU and PGA, and within the Kenyan Parliament. Your efforts in promoting multilateral diplomacy and protecting the rights of MPs worldwide are deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I look forward to your prompt response and the swift action of the committee.

Please accept, Madam President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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