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November 12, 2007

Mr. Furio De Angeles
United Nations Higher Commission for Refugees
P. O. Box 43802
Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Mr. Angeles:

We are greatly saddened to learn about the execution and wounding last Friday, November 2, 2007 of innocent Ethiopians residing in a neighborhood in Nairobi where a large number of Ethiopian refugees reside. From the reports that we have received, we have learnt that three people have been killed and four have been seriously wounded. The list includes:

Indalkachew Teshome (Ethiopian – Killed)
Mallas - (Ethiopian – Killed)
Geofrey – (Kenyan – Killed)
Indeshaw teshome (Ethiopian – wounded)
Girma Teshome (Ethiopian – wounded)
Dadhi Rada – (Ethiopian – wounded)
Adam Mohammed (Ethiopian – wounded).

We have also learned that Indalkachew, Indeshaw and Girma are brothers that arrived in Nairobi only a month ago after escaping imprisonment and torture by Ethiopian security forces in Addis Ababa. From eye witness accounts, we have received reports that two of the individuals who carried out this despicable crime against innocent individuals happen to be members the Ethiopian security personnel, under the code name *Amoraw*, who have crossed into Kenya to kill and terrorize refugees from Ethiopia who happen to be strong supporters of the most popular opposition party, the Coalition for Unity and Democracy Party (CUDP). The CUDP had won the May 2005 national parliamentary election but was denied the opportunity to assume leadership of the Government in Ethiopia. Instead, the leaders of CUDP were arrested and incarcerated for almost two years.



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We have, in the past communicated with your office in regard to Ethiopian refugees residing in Kenya and wish to express our deepest appreciation for the tireless assistance that your personnel have given to our compatriots. At different occasions, we have also communicated with Kenyan authorities about the plight of Ethiopians who have come to Kenya to escape arrest and even execution in the hands of the present regime in their home country – Ethiopia. The response we have received from the Kenyan Government so far has not been encouraging.

We are therefore coming to you again with our plea to take note of the recent incidents as merely the start of a series of terror campaigns launched by the Ethiopian government, particularly at a time when the Kenyan Government is preoccupied with preparations for the upcoming national elections in December. Ethiopian refugees living in Kenya do not have any one to turn to except the UNHCR. Please help these destitute individuals that are asking for nothing but a place to live in peace and freedom.

We are willing and ready to cooperate with your organization in lending a helping hand. Should you need to communicate with us, please do write/call me or any one of my two colleagues, Dr. Seyoum Solomon or Dr. Zergabachew Asfaw who will also receive a copy of this letter..

Sincerely yours,

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