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H.E. Churchill Ewumbue-Monono

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the African Union
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Subject: Praising Your Leadership on Journalist Protection and Access to Information

Dear Ambassador Ewumbue-Monono,

On behalf of the Federation of African Journalists (FAJ), representing over 103,000 journalists from Cape Town to Cairo, I extend our deepest gratitude for your decisive leadership during the remarkable African Union (AU) Peace and Security Council (PSC) meeting on 2 September 2024. Your role was crucial in convening the Council's first-ever meeting focused on safeguarding journalists and upholding access to information in conflict zones across Africa.

This commitment reflects a robust political resolve and undivided solidarity with African journalists from you personally, marking a crucial milestone in our collective efforts to ensure their safety and security. These media professionals play an indispensable role in sustaining transparency and promoting democratic accountability, particularly in regions marred by conflict. The decisions taken under your direction underscore a unified African vision that journalist safety and access to information are fundamental to the continent's stability and growth.

We are greatly heartened by the Council's directives to bolster safety measures for journalists and integrate these protocols into national and regional security frameworks. The FAJ is eager to collaborate with you, Excellency, as a foremost champion of press freedom and the African Union Commission to enact these essential protections.

Please accept our utmost respect for your unwavering support, steadfast solidarity and dedication to advancing the rights and safety of journalists in Africa. We anticipate strengthening our partnership under your esteemed leadership.

Yours sincerely,



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