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**His Excellency Ambassador Churchill Ewumbue-Monono
Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the African Union (AU)
Embassy of Cameroon
Addis Ababa – Ethiopia**

Brussels, 2 October 2024,

Subject: Commendation for Your Leadership in the Protection of Journalists and Access to Information

Dear Ambassador Ewumbue-Monono,

I have the honour to write to you on behalf of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), representing over 600,000 media professionals from 187 unions in more than 150 countries, to express our profound gratitude for the crucial actions undertaken by the African Union (AU) Peace and Security Council under your distinguished leadership during the meeting on 2nd September 2024, which addressed the protection of journalists and access to information in conflict situations.

This historic meeting under your presidency has significantly enhanced the safety and security of journalists, upholding the public's right to information within the AU and its organs. Your proactive and decisive leadership has effectively emphasized the necessity of these measures, thereby reinforcing the values of democracy and transparency crucial for the advancement of the African continent.

The key decisions adopted by the Council during this meeting represent a vital milestone in our ongoing efforts to create a safer working environment for media professionals in Africa. These measures not only protect our colleagues but also strengthen the democratic foundations that are essential for Africa's development.

The IFJ, in collaboration with our pan-African federation, the Federation of African Journalists (FAJ), is committed to supporting the implementation of these important decisions. Particularly, we are

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dedicated to working closely with you to ensure that these critical decisions are effectively realised, continuing to positively impact the lives and safety of journalists across Africa.

We extend our thanks once more for your visionary leadership, solidarity to African journalists and steadfast commitment to these pressing issues.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Bellanger
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