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Release from prison and Stay of Deportation of Mr. Alassane Moussbaou and Mr. Anani Komi Adzrakou

Dear Mr. Timm,

Mr. Moussbaou, a well-known activist of the “International Campaign against the Dictatorship in Togo and other African Countries,” has begun a hunger strike for an indefinite period. He has been detained at the deportation prison Bützow (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern) since December 2, 2005. On January 10, 2005, the first attempt to deport Mr. Moussbaou from Hamburg Airport failed because the pilot refused to take him on board.

Despite the widespread protest, the urgent appeal by UNHCR to reconsider his case, and the demand of the Congressional Petition of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (“Petitionsausschuss des Landtags”), you continue to hold the position that Mr. Moussbaou will be deported.

Mr. Adzrakou fled Togo on political grounds as well and has continues to participate in actions against the regime while in exile. His life is also at risk.

Mr. Adzrakou was detained on January 16, 2006 at the Foreigners' Office Güstrow. His asylum case (second application / Asylfolgeverfahren) was scheduled to be pled in front of the Administrative Court of Schwerin on that same day. He immediately began a hunger strike and was therefore put into solitary confinement.

Both refugees from the dictatorship in Togo had no choice but to go on hunger strike. They are forced to risk their health and life in order to defend themselves against the current violation of their rights as well as to defend their life. Given their political activities in Togo as well as their activism in exile, both refugees would face persecution if forced to return to Togo. Torture, extrajudicial killing, and disappearances are part of the daily repertoire of the RPT-Regime and their militia.

The human rights violation of deportation to the dictatorship in Togo requires resistance on the part of the asylum seeker. Human rights violations are legitimated by current laws and practice that eliminate the right to asylum. The deportations to the dictatorship in Togo are criminal regardless of the laws that are used to justify this practice. The crime of the German facists were also explained through laws. But would we describe such practice as legitimate?

Mr. Timm I call on you to urgently stop these deportations.

Sincerely,

signature

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