**VOORBEELDBRIEF**

Aan: Minister of Peace Muferiat Kamil

(plaats, datum)

Dear Minister Muferiat Kamil,

I am writing to express concern about the arbitrary arrest of Dawud Ibsa, a politician and chairman of the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF). On 3 May, the Federal police placed Dawud Ibsa under house arrest. This was done after the police searched and seized the electronic equipment in his house without presenting a search or seizure warrant. The police have not allowed anyone to leave or enter the compound of Dawud Ibsa’s residence. There is therefore serious concern over Dawud Ibsa’s wellbeing.

From the start of his house arrest, the authorities have failed to present Dawud Ibsa with an arrest warrant or court order. Nor have they informed him of the reason for his arrest. His prolonged house arrest amounts to arbitrary detention. I am concerned that Dawud Ibsa is being detained solely in connection to his opposition to the government and political affiliations.

In light of the above, I urge you to immediately release Dawud Ibsa from house arrest, or, if there is sufficient evidence of wrongdoing, promptly charge him with a recognisable offence, in accordance with international standards. Pending release or charge, I urge you to ensure he has access to food and other essential items.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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