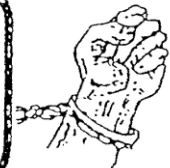




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POLITICAL PRISONERS (SOCEPP)



May 3/ 2012

Mme Joyce Banda,

President,

Republic of Malawi,

Lilongwe,

Malawi.

Madam President,

We are certain that Your Excellency and your government know quite well the plight of Ethiopians under the repressive regime of Meles Zenawi. Hundreds of Ethiopian youngsters have been forced to flee political persecution, economic misery of unbearable intensity, religious and ethnic persecution to seek asylum elsewhere, near and far, from Sudan to South Africa and beyond.

Hundreds of Ethiopian youths who have confronted immense danger and difficulties in the hands of human traffickers have made their way to Malawi, often to pass to South Africa and beyond. Many have been detained and even sentenced for six months imprisonment and jailed for "illegal entry". The recent condemnation of 16 Ethiopian youths by a Rumphu court is a case in point. Deportation measures have often led to the increased suffering of the fleeing youths. Madam President, SOCEPP is human rights organization trying to defend the human rights of Ethiopians since 1995. It calls upon Your Excellency to order the release of the many Ethiopians languishing in the congested prisons of Malawi and to grant them asylum or passage rights. After all, in her time, Ethiopia had also helped the peoples of Southern and all Africa in their struggle against colonialism.

We thank you in advance

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