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Your Excellency,

The Swedish journalist Dawit Isaak has been imprisoned in Eritrea for eleven years, since September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2001. Dawit Isaak has been held all these years without trial, despite the fact that Eritrean law forbids detention of a prisoner without charges for more than 30 days.

Freedom of expression is an inalienable part of Human Rights and the possibility for journalists, all over the world, to conduct their professional tasks without fear for their personal security is a key factor to uphold it.

The International Trade Union Confederation and its 175 million members in world urge Your Excellency, President of Eritrea, to order the immediate release of Dawit Isaak, who has been jailed simply for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

We also appeal to Your Excellency to release Dawit Isaak on humanitarian grounds. Dawit Isaak's health is precarious, and we exhort the Eritrean government to let him go home to Sweden to re-join with his family and to receive medical treatment.

We look forward to receiving a positive answer from Your Excellency.

Yours respectfully,



General Secretary