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To the crew of Egypt Air Flight MS 0788  
from Munich to Kairo  
on Saturday, 24.03.2007

## **Stop the deportation of Mr. Solomon Haile-Tesfamariam to Eritrea !**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am strongly concerned about the imminent deportation of Solomon Haile-Tesfamariam with flight MS 0788, Egypt Air, from airport Munich on 24.03.2007 at 14:10 with the destination Kairo. This deportation will take place against the explicit will of the affected person. Mr. Haile-Tesfamariam formerly announced, that in case of his deportation he will resist in any ways possible.

He announced to resist physically against his deportation and will draw the passengers attention on his situation, by shouting and verbal protest. This means, that the security of the flight and the passengers could not be fully guaranteed. Besides the danger for other airline passengers, this could mean a serious threat to Mr. Haile-Tesfamariam himself.

As you surely know, people were injured or even died through similar attempts of deportation.

Solomon Haile-Tesfamariam will be deported, although in Eritrea he is threatened by persecution, arrest and torture, because he fled from the military service. There is no right to deny military service in Eritrea. Practically people in Eritrea are forced to serve for an unlimited time, which in some cases is about 10 years now !

Because of the tense situation in the region and the general political situation, deportations to Eritrea have to be strongly criticised. In Eritrea fundamental rights like freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion are not guaranteed.

There is no official opposition and the PFDJ, which forms the government, is the only legal party. Persons who criticised the regime have been arrested without a courtcase since 2001 and are imprisoned without any contact to their relatives.

We are strongly convinced, that Solomon Haile-Tesfamariam will be arrested at his arrival in Eritrea and therefore exposed to arbitrary treatment and torture !

We ask you, to cancel the flight for Solomon Haile-Tesfamariam immediatly !

You are not obliged to transport a person who is forced to travel with your airline !

The captain has the last decision on the transportation of a person.

He is the authority on board and carries the whole responsibility for the safety of all passengers !

Please get in contact with Mr. Haile-Tesfamariam and confirm yourselves once again, that he is not willing to travel and will not accept his deportation, even if he is faced with physical force !

Please do not participate in the deportation of Solomon Haile-Tesfamariam to a country, where basic human rights are ignored !

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