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Your Excellency,

I am deeply concerned about the arbitrary detention of human rights defender Joaquín Elo Ayeto, who is imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his rights. Since his transfer to Oveng Azem prison on 13 August 2024, he has been held incommunicado. The denial of access of prisoners to their families and lawyers is a violation under international law.

His family reports he was suffering from typhoid and malaria at the time of arrest, and they have received no updates on his condition, which adds to their distress.

I urgently request you to ensure the immediate release of Joaquín Elo Ayeto. Until then, he must be granted access to his family, legal counsel, and urgent medical care, in full compliance with international human rights standards.

I thank you for paying attention to his case.

Yours faithfully,