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Commissioner Ashton and Commissioner Piebalgs  
European Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Ashton and Commissioner Piebalgs,

I am writing to you about the case of Aster Fissehatsion, the former politician and critic of the Eritrean government, who has now been imprisoned for ten years.

I know that you are already aware of her situation, but as this month saw the ten year anniversary of her imprisonment, along with ten other members of the G15, I feel that now is a particularly pertinent time to bring this case to your attention once more.

I urge you to continue to do all within your power to push for the release of Aster Fissehatsion, and other political prisoners, including journalists such as the Dawit Isaak, the Swedish independent journalist who also has been detained for 10 years.

The EU and the international community must continue to put pressure on the Eritrean authorities and to give a clear message that human rights abuses such as these are completely unacceptable.

After 10 years, it is imperative that pressure on the authorities must not subside, but if anything, must be intensified.

Thank you for your consideration of this serious issue. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath the name.

Keith Taylor - Green Party MEP, South East England.