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His Excellency;

I am writing to express my grave concern to an cartoonist and activist, Ramón Esono Ebalé, whose work has been critical of the government has been arrested and detained. He is being held at the Black Beach prison in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. He has not been charged yet.

I should Urge the authorities to immediately release and drop all the charges against Ramón Esono Ebalé. I need to call on them to ensure that while he is still detained, that all his due process rights are respected.

I am also calling on them to ensure that the right to freedom of expression is respected in Equatorial Guinea and to ensure a safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders to work without fear of punishment, reprisal, or intimidation.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,