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**Another Urgent Call:**  
**Please Act Soon to Stop Libya**  
**From Deporting 700 Eritreans**

Mr. Antonio Guterres,  
UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva ([GUTERRES@unhcr.org](mailto:GUTERRES@unhcr.org))

Dear Sir,

We have received an urgent SOS call today, 22 June 2008, from Misreta in Libya where 700 Eritrean asylum seekers are imprisoned, that the Libyan authorities have finalized papers to send back to Eritrea 230 of those asylum seekers anytime today or tomorrow, 23 June 2008.

You very well know, Sir, that we are talking about lives in imminent risk of torture as well as indefinite period of imprisonment and even death to some of them upon their return back to the cruel dictatorship in Eritrea as had happened to many of the 110 young Eritreans deported from Libya in 2004, and those 232 asylum seekers deported from Malta in 2002.

The reported preparation of the Libyan authorities to forcefully expatriate Eritreans is, if put into effect, another sad news to, and a repeated failure of, the international humanitarian community to stop human rights abuses. This action by Libya is coming in the wake of recent deportation of about half of 1,600 Eritrean asylum seekers in Egyptian prisons who were visited by UNHCR officers earlier this months.

Sir,

We in the ELF-RC, an Eritrean opposition organization struggling for change and democratization in Eritrea, are once more appealing to you and other international human rights organizations to effectively intervene on behalf of Eritrean asylum seekers who are being hunted by the cruel regime in Asmara and those who are collaborating with it in the region.

Respectfully yours,

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Chairman, ELF-RC  
22 June 2008

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