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JUSTICE FOR RACHAD MAMAN

Your Excellency,

I am writing to bring to your attention the case of the family of **Rachad Maman**. They are Togolese citizens seeking justice and accountability for the death of their son and brother. On 20 September 2017, Rachad Maman, a 14-year-old high-school student was shot as the security forces used teargas and live ammunition to disperse him and other peaceful demonstrators in Bafilo, Togo. The protestors were calling for constitutional reforms in Togo. Rachad Maman died on 22 September 2017 while undergoing surgery for his gunshot wounds. His death has left his family helpless. They are now asking for one thing: justice and accountability for the death of their son and brother.

Excellency, we respectfully ask that you ensure that the authorities carry out a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation into the death of Rachad Maman and ensure for them to bring to justice anyone suspected to be responsible. Further, the government of Togo must provide access to other forms of reparations for Rachad Maman's family for his death in the hands of state security forces.

Rachad Maman is one of the many victims of use of force by security forces in Togo since the beginning of demonstrations in August 2017 calling for constitutional reforms. No one has been held to account. In less than three years, Amnesty International has documented more than 16 deaths during demonstrations.

The government of Togo must also ensure that those suspected to be responsible for these human rights violations are brought to justice and the victims or their families are adequately compensated.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this request.

Yours sincerely,
