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First Secretary Chiheb Zayani
1515 Massachusetts Ave NW.
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

Thank you for taking the time to welcome me at the Embassy of Tunisia on June 30, 2015. I am most grateful for your words of encouragement and your empathy with the Ethiopian refugees facing imminent death at the hands of ISIS in Libya

I am writing this letter to follow up on my organization's letter to His Excellency, the Tunisian Ambassador to the United States, requesting of the Government of Tunisia to provide a safe haven to Ethiopian refugees facing capture and beheading by ISIS forces in Libya. As you recall, thirty Ethiopian Christians were slaughtered in April by ISIS-Libya for the simple reason that they were Ethiopian Christians.

As I explained during our conversation, we are trying to respond to their needs by identifying a country that would welcome and provide them a safe haven until appropriate UN agencies such as UNHCR find a more permanent alternative.

We are hopeful that your government will extend a humanitarian hand of friendship to our people that will be long remembered by future generations of Ethiopians, and will go into the history books as an act of a friend in need, a true friend indeed.

I should like to assure you that, on our part, we will do everything to support the refugees financially.

I thank you and the Government of Tunisia for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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