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Joint Statement

by the Right Livelihood Award Foundation

Whereas the Right Livelihood Award has since 1980 honoured and supported those offering practical and exemplary answers to the most urgent challenges facing us today, and

Whereas Jacqueline Moudeina was presented with the Right Livelihood Award at the Swedish Parliament in December 2011 “...for her tireless efforts at great personal risk to win justice for the victims of the former dictatorship in Chad and to increase awareness and observance of human rights in Africa”, and

Whereas Jacqueline Moudeina’s relentless efforts to seek justice and promote human rights have led to several serious risks and threats to her life, liberty and health over the past years, including the serious injury she suffered in 2001 as a result of a grenade being thrown at her by security forces,

We, the undersigned, as representatives of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation, wish to:

Express our solidarity for Jacqueline Moudeina and her work to promote and protect human rights and combat impunity, which we consider to be globally significant,

Note with deep concern for the repeated threats made against Jacqueline Moudeina and her organisation, the Association for Protection and Defence of Human Rights (ATPDH), including Internet threats, and

Call upon the Government of Chad to:

Provide Jacqueline Moudeina and her fellow Chadian human rights defenders with all the security and protection necessary for them to carry out their work without fear and intimidation, and

Adopt without delay the following measures to accelerate and support Jacqueline Moudeina’s work towards justice for the victims of the former Chadian regime:

1. Remove former high-level Hissene Habré-era security agents (DDS) from top security posts in line with Recommendation # 10 of the 1992 report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Crimes and
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Misappropriations Committed by Ex-President Habré, his accomplices and/or Accessories (hereafter "the Commission"),

2. Declare publicly that it will not tolerate any intimidation against those seeking redress and justice in the courts,

3. Fully support the Chadian justice system in its handling of cases against former DDS agents, including security and material support for the investigating judge charged with these cases (in line with Recommendations #6 and 11 of the Commission),

4. Provide financial compensation to each victim of the former regime or his/her family or create an assistance fund to support them, and

5. Honour the memory of those who perished during Habré’s regime, and, to educate Chadian society about the horrors of that regime, implement Recommendation #7 of the Commission in letter and spirit i.e.

- Construct a monument honouring the memory of the victims of Habré’s repression,
- Designate a day for prayer and contemplation for said victims, and
- Transform the former DDS headquarters and underground prison known as the ‘Piscine’ into a museum.

Sincerely,

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