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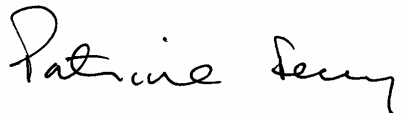
I am writing to express our deep disquiet about the situation of Dr. Sarah Wykes, whose work promoting transparency and good governance in the natural resource sector, is respected internationally.

I understand that Dr. Wykes, in the course of a recent visit to consult Angolan authorities, civil society groups and companies operating in Cabinda about progress in the management of revenues from the oil industry, was arrested and later formally charged with espionage. She has since been obliged to remain in Angola pending trial.

Dr. Wykes is highly respected for her thoughtful contribution to international efforts to ensure transparency in the extractive industries. The sole objective of her work on behalf of Global Witness has been to ensure that the local population benefit from the exploitation of the region's natural resources.

We would therefore respectfully urge the Angolan authorities to allow Dr. Wykes to return to the United Kingdom while the case against her is being examined by the prosecutors' office. We have every confidence that the charges laid against will be proved to be unfounded and urge the Angolan authorities to ensure her physical and psychological well being.

Yours faithfully,



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