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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you regarding the case of Dorgelesse Nguessan, who is serving a five-year prison sentence solely for the peaceful exercise of her rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Dorgelesse Nguessan was arrested in Douala, while attending her first ever protest. She had never been politically active, but her concerns about the state of Cameroon's economy led her to join the demonstrations. She was found guilty of "insurrection, assembly, meetings and public demonstrations" and after an unfair trial by a military court she was sentenced to five years in prison.

I implore you to quash her conviction and to facilitate her immediate and unconditional release so that she can return to her family, who rely on her as the main wage-earner. In addition, please release all those who have been detained solely for participating in protests and exercising their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Yours sincerely,