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The Honorable John Kerry  
U.S. Department of State  
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Dear Secretary Kerry:

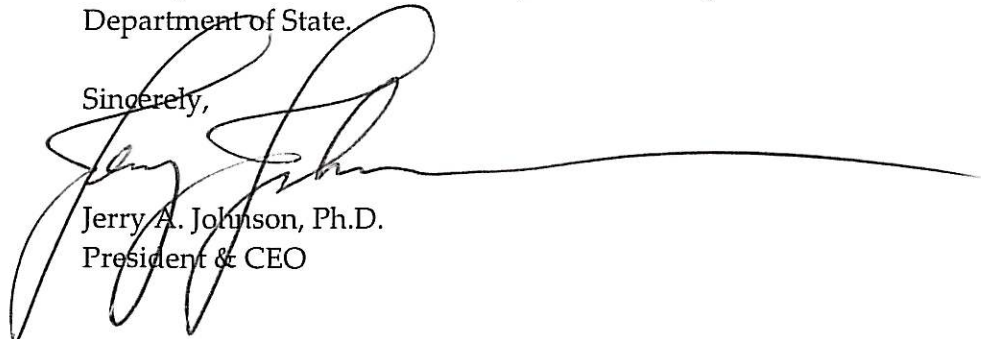
As President and CEO of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), I write to respectfully request that the United States intervene on behalf of Meriam Yahya Ibrahim Ishag, her toddler, and her prenatal child, as they are outrageously imprisoned in Sudan.

As you know, a Sudanese court recently sentenced Mrs. Ibrahim to death by hanging because she refused to recant her Christian faith. The court further ordered her to receive 100 lashes for "adultery" because the Sudanese authorities would not recognize her marriage to a Christian man, Daniel Wani, who is an American citizen. Mrs. Ibrahim, eight months pregnant and caring for a 20-month-old son, is currently incarcerated in Sudan's Omdurman Federal Women's Prison.

NRB is an ardent advocate of religious liberty for all people domestically and abroad. We find it unconscionable and intolerable that the Sudanese government would violate its own law and international covenants by treating any individual with such enmity and abuse because of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We urge that the United States act expeditiously in defense of Mrs. Ibrahim, Mr. Wani, and their little ones.

Thank you for consideration and your leadership at the U.S. Department of State.

Sincerely,

  
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