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Honorable Mario Alberto Tenorio
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Dear Honorable Presidents:

We again write on behalf of Global Doctors for Choice (GDC), an international network of physicians from a range of specialties committed to improving women's reproductive health and rights. GDC is committed to the provision of high-quality medical care grounded in science and to the defense of human rights. We strive to protect and expand access to comprehensive reproductive health care through advocacy for evidence-based policy and medical research.

We write to urge you to overturn the conviction of aggravated homicide and the associated 30-year prison sentence for Evelyn Beatriz.

As her lawyers stated, this young woman was a victim of repeated rapes, which she did not report out of fear and lack of support. She was unaware that she had become pregnant as a result of rape, until she experienced a miscarriage. Finally, the lawyers stated the two expert witnesses, one responsible for the autopsy and one responsible for the pathology, reported that the presence of meconium in the bronchia could have been a cause of death.

Please provide justice for this woman who suffered criminal assaults, and a subsequent medical emergency and was then blamed and jailed.

A doctor's first duty is always to our patients. As a global network of physicians, we urge you to overturn this conviction and prevent additional medical and psychological harm for this woman.

Sincerely,

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Dr. John Koku Awoonor-Williams
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