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*Your Excellency*

I am writing on behalf of the British Medical Association to express in the strongest possible terms our profound abhorrence at the death sentence passed on Dr Meriam Yehya Ibrahim for the sole reason that she converted to Christianity and has refused to make a public recantation of her faith. Dr Ibrahim is currently eight months pregnant. We understand as well that she is to be flogged solely because she is married to a Christian. Such sentences are fundamental violations of international human rights. Amnesty International has stated that she is a prisoner of conscience, convicted solely for her religious beliefs and identity. We join Amnesty in calling for her immediate and unconditional release.

*Yours sincerely*

*Vivienne Nathanson.*

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