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SUBJECT: Concerning the two Swedish journalists that are prisoners in Ethiopia since three month
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TEXT:

What are the commission and the High Representative doing in order to free the two Swedish journalists Martin Schibbye and Johan Persson that are imprisoned in Ethiopia?

It is important that the EU put pressure on the government in Ethiopia. The Swedish government has so far not been able to free these journalists and the time is running; a trial starts the 17th of October.

It is important that the free press can do their job. Today Ethiopia is the country in Africa that captivates the next highest number of journalists. During the last ten years 79 journalists from Ethiopia lives in exile due to the repression of the regime. It is therefore essential that the European Union as a whole put strong pressure on the government and the regime of Ethiopia in this matter.

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