

July 7, 2020

**RE: Abou Elkassim Britel, Binyam Mohamed, Bisher Al-Rawi,
and Mohamed Farag Ahmad Bashmilah
Case 14.017
United States of America**

Excellency:

I have the honor of writing to you to advise you that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has examined the petition of reference and approved the Admissibility Report attached to this letter, pursuant to Article 46 of the American Convention on Human Rights.

In accordance with Article 36(2) of the IACHR Rules of Procedure, Petition 1638-11 has been registered with the case number 14.017, as cited above. Please reference the latter in all future communications.

Pursuant to Article 37(1) of its Rules of Procedure, the IACHR has given the petitioners a period of four months, which may be extended if necessary to a maximum of six months from the date of transmission of this letter, to submit additional observations on the merits of the case. The IACHR also advised that it will not grant any extension requests beyond the period specified above, in accordance with Article 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR.

Also, based on Article 37(4) of its Rules of Procedure, the Commission makes itself available to the parties for the purpose of reaching a friendly settlement, as provided for in Article 40 of the Rules of Procedure of the IACHR. I would therefore request that you respond to this offer as soon as possible. For more information on the friendly settlement procedure, I recommend consulting the "Handbook: Friendly Settlement Mechanism in the Petition and Case System," which is available at the following link: http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/friendly_settlements/docs/handbook-fs-en.pdf.

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
Secretary of State
VIA His Excellency Carlos Trujillo
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United States
to the Organization of American States
Washington, D.C.

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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,

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Marisol Blanchard
Assistant Executive Secretary

Enclosure