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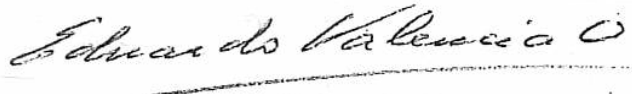
Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as the Chair of the 70<sup>th</sup> session of the International Law Commission. I am doing so as a matter of urgency in relation to the arrest of Professor Maurice Kamto.

The members of the United Nations International Law Commission are deeply concerned about the arrest of the former member, Chair and Special Rapporteur of the Commission, Professor Maurice Kamto, in Cameroon on Monday 28 January 2019. Professor Kamto is a distinguished jurist, globally respected. The members of the Commission strongly support the expression of concern issued by the Spokesperson of the UN Secretary-General on 29 January, and call upon the authorities of Cameroon to ensure full and immediate respect for the fundamental rights, freedoms and procedural guarantees of Professor Kamto.

I would be grateful if the content of this letter could be made public through your Spokesperson.

Yours sincerely,



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