

Governor of Delta State  
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Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my concern that Moses Akatugba was unfairly sentenced to death and suffered multiple torture by the state authorities of Delta State, whose procedures are in contravention of the UN Convention against Torture, to which Nigeria is a state party.

I call on you to ensure that Moses Akatugba's case is retried before an independent and impartial tribunal. I am also concerned that the detention of Moses happened without sufficient charge and his confession appears to have been extracted by threat and torture. I urge the Delta State authorities to establish a thorough, independent and impartial investigation into his allegations of torture and ill-treatment in detention. I also urge you to take all necessary measures to ensure that Moses Akatugba is being treated humanely.

I call on you to end the use of torture by police and other security forces to extract information or "confession" from suspects in detention and not to receive into custody anyone who has been detained based on these confessions or without a trial.

Sincerely,