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The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to joint communication No. JAL IND 8/2024 dated 25 October 2024 from the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change; the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders seeking information concerning Mr. Ebo Mili.

The Permanent Mission of India has the honour to submit information in this regard at Annexure I.

The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



**Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Special Procedures Branch,
(Kind Attn: Ms. Federica Donati, Office-in-charge)
Palais des Nations,
1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland**

Annexure I

1. The detention of Mr. Ebo Mili was based on credible information received by the local authorities suggesting that he, along with his supporters, planned to cause disruption and a potential law and order issue during the visit of the Minister of Power. The preventive detention was carried out as per due legal procedure to prevent a breach of peace and ensure public safety. Mr. Mili was produced before an Executive Magistrate, where he signed a bond of peace and was released thereafter. There is no ongoing criminal investigation or formal complaint against Mr. Mili concerning these detentions.
2. There was no targeted surveillance of Mr. Mili. The routine monitoring of public gatherings was carried out as per standard law enforcement procedures to ensure public safety. The measures taken were as per Indian laws and compliant with Article 17 of ICCPR.
3. In all development projects, the government accords highest priority to the rights of local communities and carries out comprehensive public consultations and environmental impact assessments.
4. Sufficient protections and legal remedies under Indian laws are available to all Indian citizens including human rights defenders.
