**Abs: Ort, Datum:**

**An:**Mme Domine Banyankimbona
Minister of Justice
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Dear Minister

I am appalled by the conviction and arbitrary detention of journalist, Floriane Irangabiye who on 2 January 2023 was sentenced to 10 years in prison and a one million Burundian francs fine by the High Court of Mukaza in Bujumbura for "undermining the integrity of the national territory.". Her lawyers appealed this decision on 23 January.

I urge you to instruct the Prosecutor General of the Republic to ensure that Floriane Irangabiye is immediately and unconditionally released. Authorities must quash the conviction and drop all charges against her.

Yours sincerely,