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Dear Home Secretary,

Re: Miss Alliance Ngondiop (HO ref: N1142109), a Cameroon national currently detained in Yarl's Wood IRC and **due to be forcibly removed from the UK on** British Airways flight BA302 on Saturday 15th September @ 06:15 from Heathrow Airport London, to Paris, Charles de Gaulle airport, then AF940 @ to Douala Cameroon.

I am familiar with the case of Alliance Ngondiop: Alliance came here with her husband in 2005 on a visitor's visa. Her husband had to return back to Cameroon for work reasons after 4 months but Alliance remained in the UK to help her niece who had just given birth to a premature baby. Later in 2005, Alliance fell ill not long after learning from her husband in Cameroon that their little child had died suddenly. In the UK, Alliance had to have some tests done and these tests showed she had TB and HIV. Since that time, she has been receiving vital medical treatment.

When in late 2005, Alliance had been diagnosed with ill health; Alliance's husband became very abusive on hearing the news of the HIV. He was screaming at her for agreeing to have the HIV test without his consent. He hung up on her and when she contacted him later, insisting that he too take the HIV test, he threatened to kill her on her return to Cameroon.

Her husband and extended family in Cameroon have threatened to kill Alliance if she comes back to the country. In May 2008, Alliance telephoned Cameroon and learnt that her estranged husband had visited her father a week earlier, and that there had been a lot of shouting and screaming between the two men. The neighbour found Alliance's father bound up and dead a few days after that visit by Alliance's husband.

Alliance sought asylum at Home Office in Liverpool on 18 February 2008. Then Alliance was moved from Coventry to Birmingham pending the outcome of her asylum claim. On 6 March there was a Home Office full hearing with Solihull Home Office. A solicitor was present. When the asylum case failed, her solicitor contacted her with that information on 9th April 2008. On Wednesday 16 April her solicitor told her that she was not prepared to represent her for the appeal, as she did not feel the case was strong enough. Alliance has not been able to find a solicitor and made her appeal without representation.

On Wednesday 3rd September 2008 she was detained at her weekly signing in Loughborough for a second time. Then she was taken to Yarl's Wood where she is now awaiting removal to Cameroon on Saturday 15th November 2008 at 06:15hours to Cameroon via Paris on flight BA302.

The Home Office wants to remove the Alliance because Cameroon is considered safe and her life is not considered at risk despite the fact that Alliance is HIV positive and has no family to return to in Cameroon to help her when her health fails. Her father is dead and her mother is dead.

She should not be forced back to Cameroon to return to her angry and threatening husband who the Home Office agree *"in looking at the determination of her visit visa application it had been noted that her husband apparently had been a prominent man in Cameroon"*.

To return her to Cameroon now to face isolation and social rejection is a very inhumane act by the UK Home Office. Given that Alliance is getting a lot of support from her local church and also the hospital and Terence Higgins Trust in light of her health issues, and that she has been a victim of abuse and rape (Alliance was a victim of a rape going back about 7 years ago), sending her back where she will not be able to afford the medical treatment for her conditions is going to make her quality of life back in Cameroon very bad indeed, especially to face the lack of family support and financial means to provide accommodation and medical care for herself.

Alliance has a Christian faith and has participated in church services at the local church where she has attended regularly. Her Christian faith is what is keeping her strong through all her suffering and abuse as a victim of exploitation, as victim of ill health and also a victim of an abusive husband. Alliance would like to feel safe and protected from an ill health life now, and the only way for that to happen is if the UK Home Office grants her leave to remain. She would study or be active with charity work, and if well enough, would like to work, if she is granted leave to stay.

I am requesting that the Honorable Home Secretary note. Alliance has submitted a fresh claim for asylum that is based on significant new evidence. I believe that on the basis of this she should be given residency here. However if you disagree I ask that at the very least you cancel the removal directions so that she may be allowed a full and proper hearing with a solicitor to defend her.

Yours Sincerely,

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