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Members of the London Coalition Against Poverty delivered a letter today to the Canadian Embassy in solidarity with Ivan Apaolaza Sancho, who is to be deported from Canada tomorrow. With signs saying 'no deportation to torture', supporters entered the Canada House in London's Trafalgar square and asked to speak to the High Commissioner. In some time, the head of Public Affairs, Stewart Wheeler, came into the lobby and listened to the demands of the organization. After appearing to listen to the story of Ivan, Wheeler said that he would personally fax the letter to the department of Foreign Affairs and send confirmation to LCAP once he sent the letter.

Our thoughts are with Ivan today, as we stand in solidarity with him, his family and friends. We affirm, once again, that deportation is unacceptable, and that deportation to torture is utterly abhorrent and immoral. We are disgusted by the government of Canada for dictating the fate and deporting people to torture from a land that is not even theirs to begin with.

NO BORDERS! STOP THE DEPORTATIONS NOW!

The London Coalition Against Poverty



Dear Sam Bakker and the London Coalition against Poverty,

On behalf of the High Commissioner, I want to thank you for visiting the Canadian High Commission this morning. We have reviewed the petition you delivered to us on the case of Ivan Apaolaza Sancho.

In accordance with your request, we have forwarded your letter to the appropriate authorities in Ottawa. In order for your petition to be received in a timely fashion, we have sent a scanned copy of the document to them by email this afternoon.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your views with the Government of Canada.

Sincerely yours,

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