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Dear Mr Alemayehu,

Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2018 urging the European Parliament and the international community as a whole to react to the impunity effectively granted to the former Ethiopian dictator Mengistu Hailemariam.

The European Parliament holds the view that accountability, justice, the rule of law and the fight against impunity constitute essential elements underpinning peace and conflict resolution, reconciliation and reconstruction efforts. It reiterated this standpoint less than a year ago in its resolution of 4 July 2017 (in annex) on addressing human rights violations in the context of war crimes and crimes against humanity, including genocide.

Parliament will therefore continue to monitor closely developments in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, Mr Mengistu's current place of residence. Both countries are currently undergoing profound changes, and the European Parliament will certainly do whatever it can to make sure that accountability for crimes against humanity will be an integral part of the future development of both countries.

Yours sincerely,

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