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Attn: Mr. Matty Elhadj Moussa
L'Administrat de la Justice
BP 466
Niamey,
Niger

Dear Mr. Matty Elhadj Moussa, Minister of Justice, Parliamentary Relations:

I am a student in the USA and have recently become aware of the problem of slavery in Niger. I am writing to praise you for the steps that have been taken to eradicate slavery and to encourage you to implement these further. I am particularly impressed with the law that has recently been passed condemning slavery and penalizing its practice. I would very much like to see progress on eliminating slavery by the enforcement of this law.

The reports of several groups have revealed that slavery is still thriving in Niger. At the very least, these reports indicate that tens of thousands of people are still being held under the rule of a master without the ability to leave. I understand that you recognize the dignity and value of each of your citizen's right to freedom, which is constitutionally protected in Niger.

I am writing this letter to express faith in your government to ensure that justice is done and that this important law is enforced.

I look forward to hearing from you about the progress you will make on eliminating the evil of slavery from Niger.

Yours sincerely,

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