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Associação Portuguesa de Mulheres Juristas  
Pelos Direitos Humanos das Mulheres

*To Your Excellency*

*H.E. Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,*

*Mrs. Ijeoma Bristol*

*Lisbon, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2014*

*Excellency,*

*The **Portuguese Association of Women Jurists** is writing to you to express its deep concern about the abduction of 276 school girls from their school hostel in Chibok Borno State.*

*The **Portuguese Association of Women Jurists** considers such brutal act of violence as unacceptable. Attacks on schools deny children their right to learn in a safe environment and can rob them of their future.*

*The **Portuguese Association of Women Jurists** calls you to ask the Nigerian government to urgently take steps to make sure that the children are returned to their families unharmed and that they can continue their education in a safe environment.*

*The **Portuguese Association of Women Jurists** expresses its deepest solidarity to all the families affected by this horrific act, and stands with them in these difficult times.*

*The **Portuguese Association of Women Jurists** is a Portuguese national NGO, member of the **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers**. It inspires its activities in the United Nations Charter principles, as they are consecrated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirmed in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.*

*The **Portuguese Association of Women Jurists** essentials goals are the eradication of all forms of discrimination against Women and the promotion of Women Human Rights.*

*Respectfully,*

*The P.A.W.J President of the Board*

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