

Statement of the Inspection Panel Regarding the Charges Filed Against Pastor Omot Agwa in Ethiopia

The Inspection Panel expresses its concern regarding the recent charges filed against Pastor Omot Agwa of Ethiopia, detained since March of this year. Pastor Agwa facilitated our field work during the recent investigation of the PBS-3 Program in that country. Since his arrest, we have been in close contact with Bank senior management who have made inquiries with the Government of Ethiopia regarding his integrity and safety. The Panel calls on the Government of Ethiopia to ensure that Pastor Omot's rights to due process and other protections under the rule of law are respected.

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