



Attention: **President of the European Commission**

Via European Union Embassy

His Excellency

Mr **Jean-Claude Juncker**

C/O His Excellency

Mr Timo Olkkonen

Head of Delegation

European Union

Harare

Zimbabwe

CC: Embassy of Switzerland

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Your Excellency

**RE: CESSATION OF VIOLATIONS AS PRESIDENT EMMERSON
MNANGAGWA'S ENTRY INTO THE EU FOR WORLD ECONOMIC
FORUM**

We write to request that you demand that President Emmerson Mnangagwa immediately cease the ongoing human rights violations and restore the rule of law in Zimbabwe as preconditions for his delegation's entry into the European

Union (EU) territory next week. We believe our request is in line with the values, law and policies of the European Union and the broader international community.

The bottom line Mr President is that Mr Mnangagwa's administration through its own actions has become "*hostis humanis generis*" inclined to use murder of unarmed civilians as a tool to retain power.

At the time of his departure for eventual entry into the EU, President Mnangagwa, with his usual indifference to human suffering, announced unpopular increases on the price of fuel to which citizens across Zimbabwe responded by spontaneous lawful demonstrations. In a bid to silence the masses, state security forces aided by Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front (ZANU PF) paramilitary youths dressed in police and army uniforms are engaged in ongoing, twenty-four hours a day attacks on the townships across the country. These attacks are characterized by indiscriminate fatal shootings and other methods of torture including credible reports of rape.

You are also aware that the Mnangagwa administration has switched off internet access for most of the country in a bid to cover up the abuses. It is ironic Mr President, that Mr Mnangagwa wants his voice to be heard internationally while he is actively preventing the Zimbabwean people from telling the world of their experiences at his hands.

We believe that receiving President Mnangagwa in Switzerland at a time he is leading continued and ongoing gross, mass violations of human rights of the Zimbabwean citizens emboldens him in his murderous enterprise. It ignores the suffering of the Zimbabwean people and undermines your position as one of the world's key voices on international law and human rights.

You will understand the difficulty that the opposition and civic leaders have in openly speaking out given the level of state sanctioned intimidation and credible threats to their persons and families.

We trust that you will use your good offices to engage our ideas.

#Our Zimbabwe

Organizations:

1. Achieve Your Goal Trust

2. Action Support Centre (ASC-Southern Africa)
3. Artists for Democracy Trust
4. Build A Better Youth Zimbabwe
5. CAT - ZIM
6. Centre for Community Development in Zimbabwe
7. Centre for Natural Resources Governance
8. Chitungwiza Residents Trust
9. Christian Legal Aid Society
10. Civic Education Network Trust
11. Combined Harare Residents Association
12. Community Tolerance Reconciliation and Development
13. Counselling Services Unit
14. Doors of Hope
15. Ecumenical Support Services
16. Election Resource Centre
17. Federation of African Women Media in Zim
18. Female Students Network
19. Gays and Lesbians Association in Zimbabwe
20. General Agricultural Plantation Workers Union of Zimbabwe
21. Gutu Residents Trust
22. Gweru Residents Trust
23. Habakkuk Trust
24. Heal Zimbabwe
25. Institute for Young Women Development
26. International Revolutionary League
27. JAPA Edutainment Trust

28. Katswe Sistahood
29. Legal Resources Foundation
30. Living Together Institute
31. Masvingo Human Rights Trust
32. Masvingo Residents Trust
33. Masvingo United Residents and Ratepayers Alliance
34. Media Institute for Southern Africa
35. Media Monitoring Project in Zimbabwe
36. Mission to Live
37. National Association of Societies for the Care of the Handicapped
37. National Movement of Catholic Student
39. Nhimbe Trust
40. Nonviolent Action and Strategies for Social Change
41. Padare/Enkundleni
42. Platform for Youth Development
43. Plumtree Development Trust
44. Progressive Teachers' Union of Zimbabwe
45. Radio Dialogue
46. Reconciliation Trust
47. Restoration of Human Rights
48. Rural Teachers Union of Zimbabwe
49. Savannah Trust
50. Shalom Project
51. Student Christian Movement in Zimbabwe
52. Students and Youth Working on Reproductive Health Action Team
53. Students Solidarity Trust

54. Transparency International Zimbabwe
55. Uhuru Network
56. Veritas
57. Women in Leadership and Development
58. Women in Politics Support Unit
59. Women of Zimbabwe Arise
60. Women's Trust
61. Women's Coalition
62. Young Voices Network
63. Youth Agenda Trust
64. Youth Agrarian Society
65. Youth Alliance for Democracy Trust
66. Youth Dialogue Network
67. Youth Environmental Management and Protection Trust
68. Youth Forum
69. Zim Women Resource Centre & Network
70. Zim Young Women's Network for Peacebuilding (ZYWNP)
71. Zimbabwe Christian Alliance
72. Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust
73. Zimbabwe Coalition of Debt Development
74. Zimbabwe Democracy Institute
75. Zimbabwe Doctors' for Human Rights
76. Zimbabwe Farmers Union Dev Trust
77. Zimbabwe Human Rights Association
78. Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights
79. Zimbabwe Liberators Platform

80. Zimbabwe National Students Union
81. Zimbabwe NGO Human Rights Forum
82. Zimbabwe Organisation of Youth in Politics
83. Zimbabwe Pastors Forum
84. Zimbabwe Peace Project
85. Zimbabwe Poets for Human Rights
86. Zimbabwe United Residents Association
87. Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association
88. Zimbabwe Youth Movement