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**Itai Dzamara**

*Your Excellency,*

Ten years after the enforced disappearance of Itai Dzamara, I call on the authorities to thoroughly investigate the disappearance of Itai Dzamara and make the results public.

It is a very sad anniversary.

Itai Peace Dzamara, a journalist and pro-democracy activist, was taken on the morning of 9 March 2015 by five unknown men while at a barber shop in Harare’s Glen View suburb. The men accused him of stealing cattle before handcuffing him and driving off with him in a white truck with concealed number plates. His whereabouts remain unknown.

In the last 10 yeras no progress has been made to determine the fate and whereabouts of Itai Dzamara, his family is still searching for answers.

Before his disappearance, Itai Dzamara had attended and addressed a rally by the opposition party Movement for Democratic Change held at the Zimbabwe Grounds in Harare on 7 March 2015. In 2014, Itai Dzamara had already been targeted by state security agents, he was beaten and unlawfully detained.

I call on you to ensure that an independent judge-led commission of inquiry is set up to comprehensively investigate the disappearance of Itai Dzamara, establish his whereabouts and bring to justice those suspected of criminal responsibility. In the meantime, if Itai Dzamara is being held in state custody, the authorities must immediately disclose his place of detention and ensure that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

Itai Dzamara’s family and friends have endured ten painful years waiting for truth and justice over his enforced disappearance. His family needs closure from the agonizing uncertainty they have been subjected to

Yours sincerely,

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