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Your Excellency,

On 13 May 2020, Joanna Mamombe, Cecillia Chimhiri and Netsai Marova were detained by police in Harare and subjected to enforced disappearance: Their heads were covered with hoods and they were forced into an unmarked vehicle. The women were then thrown into a pit, where they were beaten, sexually assaulted and forced to eat human excreta. It was only two days later that the three women were finally found in Bindura. They had to be treated in hospital until 9 June.

The Zimbabwean authorities have yet to fully investigate the enforced disappearance as well as the allegations of torture. Instead, the women are being accused of lying about having been tortured.

I urge you to drop all charges against Joanna Mamombe, Cecillia Chimhiri and Netsai Marova and to end all harassment against the three women.

Please make sure that a thorough, impartial, independent and effective investigation into the enforced disappearance of Joanna Mamombe, Cecillia Chimhiri and Netsai Marova is launched immediately, and that their claims of torture and enforced disappearance are investigated. The alleged perpetrators must be brought to justice in fair trials.

Yours sincerely,

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