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Your Excellency,

No progress has been made to determine the fate and whereabouts of journalist and pro-democracy activist Itai Dzamara, who was taken away on the morning of 9 March 2015 by five unknown men while at a barber shop in Harare's Glen View suburb. 9 March 2023 marks the 8-year anniversary of Itai Dzamara's disappearance. 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.

Yours sincerely,

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