

H.E. Gabriel Machinga
Zimbabwean High Commissioner
Zimbabwean High Commission
Zimbabwe House
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Your Excellency,

I am deeply concerned at the repeated arbitrary arrest, intimidation, harassment and ill-treatment of WOZA activists. Please ensure that the authorities in Zimbabwe conduct thorough, independent and impartial investigations into all reports of human rights violations against WOZA members and other human rights defenders. Perpetrators should be brought to justice and victims should receive reparation.

I am concerned that WOZA members and other government critics have been discriminated against, for example in the distribution of maize in rural areas. I urge you that this discrimination comes to an end.

Yours sincerely,

James Orengo
Minister of Lands
Ardhi House, Ngong Rd
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Nairobi
Kenya

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you because I am deeply concerned about the situation at the Deep Sea settlement, where people live in constant fear of forcible eviction. I urge to prevent all further evictions.

Please ensure that the law is enforced against government officials or third parties who illegally attempt to evict people from the Deep Sea settlement, or to intimidate them, physically injure them or damage their property in any way in an effort to make them leave.

I finally call on you to uphold Kenya's obligations under international human rights law and ensure that the residents of Deep Sea have access to adequate housing, health care and education as well as a proper sewage system, access to electricity and sufficient clean drinking water.

Yours sincerely,

Presidente de la República de Colombia
Dr Álvaro Uribe Vélez
Palacio de Nariño
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Bogotá
Colombia

Dear President,

I am deeply concerned that leaders and members of SINALTRAINAL food workers' union have received death threats. I urge that these threats be fully and impartially investigated, with the results made public and those responsible brought to justice.

I urge you to take decisive measures to guarantee the safety of SINALTRAINAL members and their families, in accordance with the wishes of those at risk.

While welcoming the progress made in investigating the killing in September 2005 of SINALTRAINAL leader Luciano Enrique Romero Molina, and the conviction of two army-backed paramilitaries in January 2008, I would like to stress that in announcing this verdict the judge further ordered that criminal investigations should be continued to establish who was responsible for ordering Luciano Romero's killing. I highly appreciate to be kept informed of progress in this continued investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Lic. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales
Presidente de la República de Honduras
Casa Presidencial
Boulevard Juan Pablo Segundo
Palacio José Cecilio del Valle
Tegucigalpa
Honduras

Dear President,

I am writing to you because I am deeply concerned about the safety of Carlos Hernández and his colleagues at the “Association for a More Just Society” (ASJ) due to the threats and intimidation against them.

Welcoming the arrests made in January 2008, I would like to express hope that the trial of the accused will proceed swiftly and in accordance with international fair trial standards. However, I would like to emphasize the importance of bringing all those implicated in the killing of Dionisio Díaz García to justice. I thus urge you to order a thorough investigation into these incidents.

I finally call on you to fulfill obligations to recognize the right of human rights defenders to carry out their activities without any restrictions or fear of reprisals as set out in the UN declaration on human rights defenders.

Yours sincerely,

MA Zhenchuan Juzhang
Beijinshi Gong'anju
Director of the Beijing Public
Security Bureau
9 Qianmen Dongdajie
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People's Republic of China

Dear Prosecutor,

I am concerned that Hu Jia has been detained solely for his peaceful and legitimate human rights activities, in violation of his right to freedom of expression.

I urge you to ensure his immediate and unconditional release and ask, pending his release, that Hu Jia be given immediate access to his lawyer, his family and to any medical treatment he may require.

I call for an immediate end to police surveillance and harassment of his wife Zeng Jinyan and for her to be allowed to contact the outside world, in line with the human rights to freedom of movement, expression and association.

Yours sincerely,

Senior General Than Shwe
Chairman
State Peace and Development Council
C/o Ministry of Defence
Naypyitaw
Union of Myanmar

Dear General,

This year the world celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which enshrined indivisible human rights for all people. The Myanmar government must also recognize human rights in Myanmar, most urgently in relation to the detention of Aung San Suu Kyi, Min Ko Naing and all other prisoners of conscience.

I thus urge you to ensure the immediate and unconditional release of Aung San Suu Kyi, Min Ko Naing and all those arrested for exercising their rights to freedom of expression and assembly during the demonstrations in 2007, as well as all prisoners of conscience held prior to this.

Yours sincerely,

Rahmi Tan
Bakırk y Public Prosecutor
Bakırk y Cumhuriyet BaŐsavcısı
Bakırk y Adliye Sarayı
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Istanbul
Turkey

Dear Prosecutor,

I am concerned that Ferhat Gerek has been left paralysed after being shot by police officers.

I urge you to bring the perpetrators to justice in a fair trial, and I call for an independent, impartial and thorough investigation into the shooting.

Yours sincerely,

M. Bechir Tekkari
Ministère de la Justice et de Droits de l'Homme
31 Boulevard Bab Benat
1006 Tunis-La Kasbah
Tunisia

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you to express my grave concern that the lawyer Radhia Nasraoui suffers from interference and harassment in her daily and professional life.

I urge you to implement the necessary steps in order that Radhia Nasraoui can undertake her peaceful and legitimate activities as a human rights defender and lawyer without any harassment and interference.

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
The Presidency
Palestine Avenue
Azerbaijan Intersection
Tehran
Islamic Republic of Iran

Your Excellency,

I am concerned that trade union leader Mansour Ossanlu was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in October 2007.

As he is held solely on account of his peaceful trade union activities, I urge to release him immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely,