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**Itai Dzamara**

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,