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Dear Sir,

I am a German police officer and I am deeply concerned about the history of repression against activists for social and economic justice in your country.

Many examples of this since 2003 have become known to me. Members both of the

MOZA (MEN OF ZIMBABWE ARISE) and WOZA (WOMEN OF ZIMBABWE ARISE)

movements have been subjected to arbitrary arrests and torture for having taken part in peaceful demonstrations and have also been denied medical treatment.

I would like to draw your attention particularly to the cases of Jenni Williams and Magodonga Mahlangu, two spokeswomen for WOZA, who were arrested on trumped up charges of „kidnapping and theft“ after a peaceful demonstration on 21ST September 2011. I have also received reports of severe cases of torture of members of MOZA at the hands of your security forces.

I urgently ask you to do everything within your power to stop arbitrary arrests and attempts at intimidation and mistreatment of both WOZA and MOZA, who are known world-wide as bona fide activists in the name of humanity.

Further, I beg you to ensure that the fundamental rights of both organisations to freedom of expression and the right of assembly are respected.

Yours sincerely,