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HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS ARÃO BULA TEMPO AND JOSÉ MARCOS MAVUNGO

Exmo. Dr.

I am writing you out of deep concern about the human rights activists **Arão Bula Tempo** and **José Marcos Mavungo**. Both were arrested on 14 March and later charged with the crimes of attempted *collaboration with foreigners to constrain the Angolan state* and *rebellion*. They have been involved in the organisation of a peaceful protest against bad governance in Cabinda Province. While **Arão Bula Tempo** was conditionally released **José Marcos Mavungo** remained in detention as a prisoner of conscience, detained solely because of his peaceful human rights work.

Arão Bula Tempo's health has been deteriorating in recent months. He has stated that he does not feel safe receiving treatment in state-owned hospitals and urgently needs to seek health care outside Cabinda province. However, as a condition of his release he is not allowed to leave Cabinda without authorization from Angolan authorities. This is a violation of his right to freedom of movement, and amounts to a violation of his right to the highest attainable standard of health.

That is why I urge you to:

- immediately and unconditionally release **José Marcos Mavungo**, as he is a prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely for his work as a human rights activist;
- take steps to ensure that the conviction against **José Marcos Mavungo** is quashed;
- drop the charges against **Arão Bula Tempo** as they have been brought against him solely because of his human rights work;
- lift the travel restrictions on **Arão Bula Tempo** to enable him to exercise his right of freedom of movement and to seek the health care he needs.

Yours sincerely,

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