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Dear Mr. President

I call on you to immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against Joanah Mamombe, Cecillia Chimbiri and Netsai Marova, charged solely for the peaceful exercise of their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Cecillia, Joanah and Netsai were arbitrarily arrested following a protest in Harare, taken to a police station, and forcibly driven out of the city to a place where they were beaten and sexually assaulted. While still hospitalized, they were charged with offences related to the protest and later charged with faking their ordeal. To date, no one has been held accountable.

We appreciate that the High Court dropped charges of communicating falsehoods and obstructing the course of justice in the case of Cecillia Chimbiri and Joanah Mamombe. We still demand that the perpetrators who abducted and tortured the three activists will face justice. We also ask for the acquaintance of Netsai, who is charged with skipping bail and faking her abduction. We also ask the three to be acquitted of charges regarding their protesting during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Cecillia, Joanah and Netsai have suffered continuous harassment since their arrest and must be protected.

Yours sincerely,