

Police Commisioner
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Dear Police Commisioner:

News of the precarious living conditions of most of the Zimbabwean citizens, with a great number of people homeless or suffering from AIDS, among other negative factors such as the low level of the educational system, has reached my country, Spain,.

I am also aware that a number of civil organizations exist, for example Woman of Zimbabwe Arise (Woza), working to improve this reality, but are constantly harassed by the police, including arbitrary detention and mistreatment, without any respect for the universally recognized rights of freedom of expression or assembly.

Considering the serious problems your country faces it is indispensable that the whole nation, public powers, private institutions and civil organizations, make every effort to try to palliate the enormous suffering that this situation generates in Zimbabwean people.

For this reason, I request you dictate the opportune dispositions so that these civic associations, Human Rights defenders, such as Woza, can work without impediment and with all the guarantees. Likewise, and given the high responsibility of your position, I also ask you to promote in the government all possible measures to improve this unfair situation.

Yours sincerely,

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