Advisor to the Minister of Police

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Ministry of Police

Luanda, Angola

Dear Advisor to the Minister:

I write to you out of concern for Joaquim Costa Zangui, the National Youth Secretary of the Democratic Bloc, who was abducted by unknown men on 12 August. He went missing a day after he had presided over the electoral process to elect the new Residential Commission President in Massaque, Viana Municipality, Angola. His whereabouts remain unknown.

There are concerns that Joaquim Costa Zangui, better known as Lutambi, may have been subjected to enforced disappearance. In Angola, political opposition members and dissidents have in the past be subjected to enforced disappearance, arbitrary arrests, and arbitrary detention.

I respectfully request that you immediately conduct an independent and thorough investigation into the whereabouts of Joaquim Costa Zangui and ensure that all those suspected of criminal responsibility for his disappearance are brought to justice in a fair trial.

Yours sincerely,