

I am writing to express my grave concern on human rights lawyer, Arão Bula Tempo and human rights activist, José Marcos Mavungo, who were arrested on the morning of 14 March by Angolan security forces in the province of Cabinda, Angola. Accused of threatening state security, they have been imprisoned without trial and denied access to medical care.

Therefore I am calling on the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Arão Tempo and José Marcos Mavungo.

I am also urging the authorities to ensure they are not subjected to any further ill treatment in the form of poor detention conditions pending their unconditional release and to allow them access to adequate medical care.

Lastly the authorities would be urged to end the practice of arbitrary arrests, harassment and intimidation of activists in Angola.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,