

Your Excellency;

I am writing to express my grave concern on 17 youth activists who were conditionally released conditionally released following the Supreme Court's decision on the habeas corpus in June.

I am calling on the Angolan authorities to unconditionally release the 17 Angolan youth activists, as they are facing a political trial solely for the peaceful exercise of their human rights.

I am also calling on them to quash the conviction of the 17 Angolan youth activists and drop all the charges against them.

They should accord the activists with an enforceable right to compensation for their arbitrary detention in line with the recommendation of the UNWGAD in Opinion No. 21/2016 of 31 May 2015.

Lastly I need to be urging them to end the practice of arbitrary arrests, harassment and intimidation of activists and other human rights defenders, and to fully uphold the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,