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Your Excellency;

I am writing to express my grave concern on 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 Massaue, Viana Municipality, Angola. His whereabouts remain unknown.

On 11 August, Joaquim had mobilised Massaue residents to elect a new president for their Residential Commission. A law student and primary school teacher with knowledge of the residential commissions law, the commission had sought Joaquim's assistance in organizing and officiating the election for a new Residential Commission president. The Residential Commission represents the residents and acts as the liaison between the residents and the municipality government.

I should call on the authorities to 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.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,