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On 19 September 2019 medical doctor Peter Magombeyi was found alive and disoriented, 33 km out of Harare after being abducted on 14 September 2019, from his home in Harare. He had previously served notice to the Minister of Health and Child Care that doctors across the country would go on strike. There are fears that he may have been poisoned by his abductors and he is currently seeking further medical treatment in South Africa. The government has also accused him of faking the abduction.

I am concerned by the authorities' statement that Dr Peter Magombeyi faked his abduction. The authorities have legal obligation to respect and protect Peter's right to life, liberty and personal security. Peter has the right to seek and choose adequate medical attention including from outside the country.

I therefore urge you to:

- Ensure that the Minister of Home Affairs thoroughly, impartially and effectively investigates the circumstances of the abduction of Peter Magombeyi and ensure that those suspected to be responsible are brought to justice in fair trials;
- Guarantee the safe return of Peter Magombeyi without fear of harassment, intimidation or arbitrary arrest;
- Take the necessary steps to ensure thorough, impartial and effective investigations of all cases of enforced disappearances in Zimbabwe, and ensure that those suspected to be responsible are brought to justice and that the victims and their families have access to justice and effective remedies, which include restitution, compensation, rehabilitation, satisfaction and guarantees of non-repetition.

Yours sincerely,