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Local EU Statement on the abduction of Itai Dzamara

The European Union Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Zimbabwe:

Today, 9 March 2016, marks the one year anniversary since the abduction of human rights defender and leader of Occupy Africa Unity Square, Itai Dzamara.

The EU Delegation is deeply disappointed at the lack of progress in this case. The fate of Itai Dzamara remains unknown and those responsible for his abduction have yet to face justice.

The EU attaches great importance to strengthening the rule of law, human rights, and the consolidation of democracy in Zimbabwe, as set out in the government's own constitutional reform agenda. Sustainable peace, development and prosperity cannot exist without respect for human rights and freedoms. This commitment underpins all internal and external policies of the European Union.

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The Embassies of Norway and Switzerland associate themselves with this statement.

In Harare, on 9 March 2016