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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:

It has now been one month since the abduction on 9 March of human rights defender and leader of Occupy Africa Unity Square, Itai Dzamara. The EU Delegation remains deeply concerned for his welfare.

The EU reiterates its call on the Government of Zimbabwe to take all necessary measures to ascertain Mr Dzamara's whereabouts, safeguard his wellbeing and accord him the full protection of the law, within its overall responsibilities of ensuring the safety of all its citizens. We look forward to a report on the Zimbabwean authorities search for Mr Dzamara (as ordered by the High Court in March).

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

In Harare, on 9 April 2015

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