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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 four months since the abduction of human rights defender and leader of Occupy Africa Unity Square, Itai Dzamara, on 9 March.

The EU is deeply concerned about the continued lack of progress made by the authorities in this case and recalls the legal obligation for the Zimbabwean authorities to provide regular and thorough progress reports on their search for Mr Dzamara, as ordered by the High Court.

It remains the responsibility of 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.

The EU reiterates its call on the Zimbabwean authorities to ensure that those responsible for the abduction of Mr Dzamara are brought to justice.

The EU will continue to watch progress on this case closely. Human Rights remain a pillar of all our bilateral relationships.

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

In Harare, on 9 July 2015