



EUROPEAN UNION

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TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

### **Local EU Statement on violence**

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

The EU Delegation wishes to express its concern at reports of some incidents of serious violence and human rights abuses taking place during and in the aftermath of recent protests in a number of urban centres across the country. The EU calls on all parties to respect the right to demonstrate peacefully, as enshrined within section 59 of the Zimbabwean Constitution. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure such protests are policed responsibly, that arrested persons are treated in accordance with section 50 of the Constitution, and that those responsible for unlawful violence face justice.

*The Embassy of Switzerland associates itself with this statement.*

In Harare, on 12 July 2016