The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and in response to the Joint Urgent Appeal sent by the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, related to the case Nº (UA.G/SO218/2, G/SO271/1 AGO 3/2013), of alleged incommunicado detention of Mr Emiliano Catumbela ""Ti Crème"" and alleged arbitrary arrests and excessive police actions of eight other human rights defenders, during a vigil, on May 27, 2013, in Luanda.

The Permanent Mission of Angola, take note of the information bring to our attention related to these cases and would like to made the following observations:

1. Some of the facts presented in the communications were not really accurate, for example, with regard the report of alleged displayed serious injuries of Mr Emiliano face, at the police station, on May 29, 2013.

2. Concerning reports of alleged arbitrary arrests and excessive or heavy police actions on eight other human rights defenders or protesters, we couldn’t verified or certified yet, if all these facts have occurred as it is narrow by these citizens

3. According to the police reports, Mr Emilliano Catumbela,
had been detained and charged with assault and attempted murder of police Commander of the Municipality, where happened the vigil, as seen in the 5618/013-02 and process 2176/2013 opened by the Provincial Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DPIC).

Furthermore, Mr Emiliano Catumbela, commonly known as Ti-Cream, 22-year-old was released, on Tuesday, 25 of June 2013, by the decision of the Attorney General of the Republic at the National Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DNIC), and will wait in liberty and freedom, the trial, to answer to the charges, that it has been accused.

Finally the Permanent Mission of Angola would like to renew its readiness to continue its cooperation with the special procedures mandates of the Human Rights Council, as a member of this important UN body.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva takes this opportunity to reiterate to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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