



## NOTE VERBALE

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The Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the latter's joint communication No. AL TZA 6/2020 dated 18 January 2021 has the honour to transmit the enclosed letter from Hon. Professor Palamagamba Kabudi, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Geneva, 8 February 2021**

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner  
for Human Rights  
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6<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

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Ms. Elina Steinerte,  
Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention;

Mr. Tae-Ung Baik,  
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Ms. Agnes Callamard,  
Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions,

Ms. Irene Khan,  
Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and  
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Ms. Fionnuala Ni Aoláin,  
Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental  
Freedoms while Countering Terrorism

Mr. Nils Melzer  
Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or  
Punishment

**Dear Special Rapporteurs,**

I acknowledge receipt of your Joint Communication TZA 6/2020 of 18<sup>th</sup> January,  
2021 concerning allegations as reported to you of restrictions to fundamental freedoms

in the United Republic of Tanzania purportedly committed in the just-ended October 2020 General Elections and sought response from the Government on the same.

I wish at the very outset, to express my utmost disappointment on the manner in which this is slowly becoming a tradition that these never-ending, unfounded and obviously malicious allegations are afforded a permanent refuge in your obviously busy schedule. That notwithstanding, I want to assure you that, the United Republic of Tanzania as a responsible member of the community of nations, spares no effort in protecting fundamental rights and freedoms as enshrined in her Constitution and ensures unwavering adherence to all regional and international instruments pertaining to those rights and freedoms.

Nonetheless, I wish to reiterate that these rights are not absolute and as a Nation that adheres to the rule of law, principles of natural justice and due process of law, we place no one above the law which ensures public order, stability and security of our Country.

Against that backdrop, I wish to inform you that, had the allegations been reported to authorities, they would have been investigated and perpetrators subjected to due process irrespective of their status or influence in the society.

However, I have keenly taken note of the matters you raised some of which require further inquiry. I am pleased to inform you that I have communicated with relevant authorities to look into them and prepare detailed response which will be availed to you in due course.

Please accept, Special Rapporteurs, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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