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Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers pursuant to General Assembly resolution 60/251 and to Human Rights Council resolution 17/2.

In this connection, I wish to share with your Excellency's Government for your information a communication that was sent to the Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Community on 29 December 2011.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Gabriela Knaul
Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers