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Dear Minister,

**I am writing to express grave concern about the health conditions of three activists, Adolfo Campos, Hermenegildo Victor José (AKA Gildo das Ruas), Gilson Morreira (AKA Tanaice Neutro), who have been held in arbitrary detention since 16 September 2023, and to call for their immediate release as they are detained solely for peacefully exercising their human rights.**

On 1 August, Gildo das Ruas was diagnosed with spinal deviation (abnormal alignment or curve of the vertebral column) and was recommended a wheelchair and lumbar correction prothesis by the doctor. On 10 and 17 August 2024, Gildo das Ruas was not allowed to receive visits from his family and friends. Meanwhile, Adolfo Campos is gradually losing his sight and has so far not received any medical treatment for it. After being diagnosed with pneumonia, his doctors recommended urgent surgery. On 7 February, his lawyers submitted a request for his surgery, which has not yet been responded to. On 9 March, he was admitted to hospital due to his health complications. Tanaice Neutro was initially placed in solitary confinement for 36 days, for no clear reason. He was due to have surgery in November 2023, but it did not take place, further complicating his health situation. He is currently suffering from pain in his back and legs.

The four activists, including **Abraão Pedro dos Santos (AKA Pensador**), were arrested on 16 September 2023, hours before they were due to take part in a peaceful demonstration in solidarity with motorcycle taxi drivers in Luanda, Angola’s capital. On 19 September 2023, they were sentenced to two years and five months in prison for disobedience and resisting orders. Their lawyers submitted both an appeal and complaint against the decision, but both were rejected by the court. On 31 January, their lawyers sub-mitted an unsuccessful habeas corpus application.

**I urge you to take all necessary steps to ensure the immediate release of the four activists’ as their detention stems solely from their peaceful activism. I also call on you to ensure that the activists have immediate access to all necessary healthcare and that their detention conditions are in compliance with the Mandela Rules.**

Yours sincerely,

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