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Israeli Embassy in South Africa

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Dear Ambassador

Re: PETITION AGAINST NIKUV INTERNATIONAL PROJETS

We, Zimbabweans resident in South Africa, Zimbabwe Civil Society Organisations, concerned Zimbabwe Political parties and South African Civil Society organised in solidarity with Zimbabweans are gravely concerned about reports by political parties in Zimbabwe in the regional and International media that NIKUV International Projects, an Israeli Registered Company, is involved in attempts to manipulate the outcome of the forthcoming harmonized elections in Zimbabwe.

It is public knowledge that NIKUV is playing a direct role in preparing the voters roll for the forthcoming election. Despite allegations of manipulation being refuted by NIKUV Representative Ron Asher there are still worrying concerns of grave substance against the current state of the roll itself and of how it could be used to manipulate the election outcome.

Recent research has substantiated allegations that the voter's role is being mismanaged. According to research that has been conducted by the Research and Advocacy Unit, a million Zimbabweans who are dead or have left the country are still on the voters roll; the roll lists 116 000 people older than 100; there are 78 constituencies with more registered voters than adult residents; and two million voters under the age of 30 are unregistered, despite their efforts to place themselves on the roll.

NIKUV has been accused of manipulating electoral systems in other African states including Zambia, in Lesotho where NIKUV's offices were raided in March 2013, apparently in connection with an identity document contract awarded last year under controversial circumstances and more recently in Botswana.

The extent of the truth underlying these allegations will be established in a criminal court of law, but as these cases unfold it is our belief that Israel must be seen to be acting to counter the manner in which such tensions are escalating levels of conflict in countries and contexts that are already vulnerable.

These allegations of voters roll manipulation in Zimbabwe pose a serious threat to the democratic right of the people of Zimbabwe to express their political views. The role of NIKUV, and by implication the tacit support they receive from the State of Israel, derail attempts by Zimbabweans to foster an electoral climate in which people have trust and confidence in the systems that have been established.

We call on Israel to distance themselves from the actions of NIKUV and to come out clearly in support of the establishment of a Free and Fair Election climate, untainted by the deliberate profit driven motives of external companies such as NIKUV. A strong statement by Israel against the role NIKUV is playing would go a long way to contributing to more conducive democratic electoral climate.


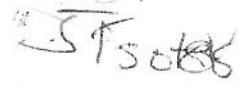
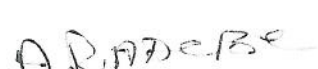
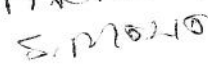
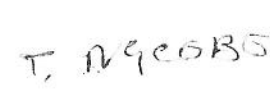


An urgent and thorough investigation into the role and conduct of NIKUV and its representatives should be immediately undertaken. We demand that the full outcomes of this report be made publicly available, and will be following up as the Regional Zimbabwe Solidarity Movement and the crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition to ensure that all necessary steps to hold those criminally accountable are fully instituted.

We demand that NIKUV and its subsidiaries keep their hands off the voter's rolls of African countries conduct their operations in a manner that does not subvert the will of the African people.

Failure to do so must result in the immediate closure of NIKUV and all its subsidiaries in all African countries in which it operates!

Signed,

Name	Organisation	Signature	Comments
PHILANI NDEBELE	ASC/CSF		AFRICA MUST FREE
NOMPILU SIBANDA	ASC/CSF		FREE
Achton Ncube	ASC		WE CAN DO IT
Soa Chikohwero	GZF/TOLSA		A FREE ZIMBABWE
GODFREY PHIRI	AISA/ASC		MUGABE MUST
KISHIMAI MOTOENA	V.D.P.D.		HOPE FOR ALL
Nobani Mshangase	V.D.P.D.		HOPE FOR ALL
Andrew Gibbs	VDPD/Peaceclub		FREE Zimbabwe
Gilbert M.	Peace & Democracy Project		Free Zimbabwe
Brian Muziringa	Migrants Disabled Rights (Mov)		Democratic Zimbabwe
NOMANGISI M. MSIMANGO	V.D.P.D.		Coming together is the beginning. Keep together is success
Lillian Mogate	V.D.P.D.		Free and Fair Elections
Thelma Patsene	V.D.P.D./I		Free Election
Phindiso Isthatombi	V.D.P.D.		Free Election
Meisi Tsolo	VDPD		Free and Fair Elections
ESTHER POBANE	VDPD		Mugabe must step down
Hlalefo Rampai	VDPD		FREE Elections
Nlombi Kunene	VDPD		Free and fair elections
Jumelo Mokoche	VDPD		Mugabe must go
MPho Mofkany	VDPD		Free and Fair
Mewi Ndlovu	TAC		FREE and FAIR!
Pretty Ncube	TAC		Free and fair
ZOLISANI NYUMU	TAC		Please stop the rigging
JANICE MUKHELE	TAC		Free and Fair
LINDA HIEZA	GICC		Free and Fair
			MUGABE MUST GO

NAME	ORGANISATION	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Thandi Sanyani	G.C.C.		Mogabe let's
Joyce Tsotetsi	G.C.C.		Zim be Free
Joyce Mayile	G.C.C.		Mogabe is Tim to go.
Mavis Dlamini	C.C.C.		Free in Zim.
Linda Ngwenya	G.C.C.		J.H.B
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