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President of Mozambique
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Dear Mr. President,

**I am writing to you to express my concern about the attempted murder of Joel Amaral, aka MC Trufafá, an artist and national mobilizer for opposition politician Venâncio Mondlane, who is now in hospital under medical observation.**

On 13 April 2025, at around 3pm, Joel was shot by unidentified men while returning home from church in Coalane neighbourhood, in the city of Quelimane, Zambézia Province. He was struck by two bullets, one of them to the head. Joel was rushed to Quelimane Central Hospital in critical condition.

On the morning of 14 April, Quelimane Central Hospital confirmed in a press conference that Joel had been admitted to intensive care. According to the doctors, the left side of his head was affected, but after medical procedures, he is now stable and no longer in immediate danger.

Joel Amaral became widely known in 2023 for producing viral songs in support of the opposition. Since the beginning of post-electoral protests in October 2024, there has been a growing pattern of targeted abductions and attacks against opposition supporters. The attempted murder of Joel fits this alarming trend.

**I call on you to ensure that while Joel continues to recover in hospital, his attempted murder must be promptly, thoroughly, independently, impartially, transparently and effectively investigated and to ensure his safety within and outside the hospital.**

Yours sincerely,

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