

To: President of the Republic of Zambia
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Dear Mr President,

SuwilANJI Situmbeko is a doctor who has been prosecuted for 'sodomy' and has been held in unlawful detention since 19 November 2021 in connection to his partaking in a consensual sexual act with another man. On 6 December 2022, he was sentenced to 15 years with hard labour. **Dr Situmbeko** has been arbitrarily detained solely for the peaceful exercise of his human rights and sexual orientation.

Therefore, **Situmbeko's** conviction should be overturned, and he should be immediately and unconditionally released from prison. Pending his release, **Situmbeko** should be granted immediate access to all necessary health care.

Furthermore, I urge you to stop persecuting people for their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,