

October 4, 2020

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Honourable President Filipe Nyusi,

We are members of the Unitarian Congregation in Mississauga near Toronto, Canada, and we are concerned that human rights defenders such as Bishop Don Luis Fernando Lisboa of Pemba City have been stigmatized and harassed for their criticism of human rights abuses by government forces in the province of Cabo Delgado.

We understand the need for your government to defend against armed attacks by Al-Shabaab in northern Mozambique, but many innocent civilians have also been victimized during attacks and counter-attacks. It is important to permit journalists and human rights defenders to promote justice so that a long-lasting peace can be attained in Cabo Gado.

We ask that you respect human rights in your efforts to defend your country. This will strengthen your country's unity in the end.

Yours sincerely,

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