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Muri, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## **Subject: Concern Regarding the Arrest and Charges Against Mr. Tundu Lissu**

Your Excellency,

As the Swiss section of Physicians for Social Responsibility / International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (PSR/IPPNW), a Nobel Peace Prize–winning organization dedicated to the protection of human life and dignity, we express our deep concern regarding the recent arrest and prosecution of Tanzanian opposition leader Mr. Tundu Lissu.

Mr. Lissu, a lawyer, former Member of Parliament, and vice-chairman of the CHADEMA party, has been charged with treason – an offence that carries the death penalty – as well as with the dissemination of false information, following public political statements made on April 3, 2025.

We would like to add that Mr. Lissu has previously been a guest speaker at our international PSR/IPPNW congresses and that a delegation from our organization had the opportunity to meet him personally in Tanzania. This personal connection has left a strong impression on us and further deepens our concern for his well-being.

We are alarmed that a prominent political figure who has already survived a life-threatening assassination attempt in 2017 is once again facing serious threats to his life and freedom – this time through judicial proceedings that appear to be politically motivated.

As physicians and advocates for peace and human rights, we are committed to the principles of nonviolence, freedom of expression, democratic participation, and the protection of human rights defenders. These principles are enshrined in international agreements to which Tanzania is a signatory, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

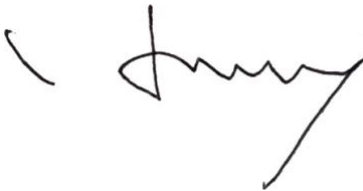
We therefore respectfully urge the Government of Tanzania to:

- Ensure the personal safety and physical integrity of Mr. Lissu;
- Guarantee his right to a fair and transparent trial;
- Uphold the freedom of expression and political participation as core democratic principles.

We also call upon the international community to closely monitor this case and to stand in solidarity with those who strive for democratic reforms through peaceful means.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and remain hopeful that the Government of Tanzania will act in accordance with its constitutional and international obligations.

Sincerely,  
on behalf of PSR/IPPNW Switzerland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Beppe Savary-Borioli', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Beppe Savary-Borioli  
President

Cc: Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania