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**Urgent Request
regarding the livelihoods of the Chisumbanje and Chynamukwaka communities**

Sir,

the undersigned organisations and individuals have been in contact with the communities of Chisumbanje and Chinyamukwakwa for a number of years. We have come to know them as successful farmers who have been able to feed their families from the land of their ancestors. Now their livelihoods are being threatened because your bulldozers have chosen the time of harvesting to destroy their crops, as they did in the previous three years. We are appaled by this action without compassion for the affected communities.

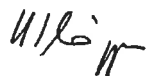
We are aware that there is a conflict about land, a contentious issue, which we believe should be solved amicably using structures like the recently dissolved DEPIC committee.

We are concerned not only about the social aspect of destroyed food crops but also about the possible prospects of outbreaks of violence caused by frustration and desperation.

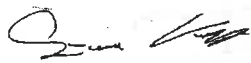
We therefore urge you to do everything in your power to engage in peaceful talks and to call back your bulldozers.

Thanking you for having given attention to our concerns, we remain,

Yours respectfully,



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