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The Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania presents its compliments to the European Parliament and has the honour to express its concern regarding the decision of the European Parliament to hold, on 26 November 2025, a hearing on the motion entitled: **"Post-election killings and the deteriorating human rights situation in Tanzania, including the case of imprisoned opposition leader Tundu Lissu."**

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is concerned that a matter of such gravity touching directly on the sovereignty and reputation of the United Republic of Tanzania is being advanced without affording the Government an opportunity to present its side and clarify facts.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania recalls that the Samoa Agreement, which governs OACPS–EU relations, places dialogue at the heart of the partnership. Article 2(3) calls for regular and comprehensive dialogue based on mutual respect; Article 5 identifies partnership dialogue as the primary channel for addressing concerns; and Article 87(1) emphasises dialogue as the mechanism for preventing and resolving disputes before unilateral or public actions are taken. Proceeding with the motion in the absence of Tanzania's views is therefore inconsistent with these provisions.

The Government further recalls the universally recognised principle of natural justice regarding the right of the concerned party to be heard before conclusions are drawn. This principle has not been observed, including during earlier discussions at the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET), where Tanzania was not invited to provide factual clarification. As a result, the debate risks being informed by unverified reports and one-sided narratives.

The Government of Tanzania remains firmly committed to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. It has already established a National Commission of Enquiry to investigate recent incidents and provide a full and independent account. Tanzania values its longstanding partnership with the European Union and believes that constructive dialogue, rather than unilateral judgments, is the most appropriate basis for cooperation.

In this regard, the Embassy respectfully requests that the plenary session be rescheduled to allow the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania an opportunity to

present its position. Should rescheduling not be possible, the Embassy kindly requests that the Government be allotted the opportunity to be heard during the forthcoming plenary deliberations. Such engagement will ensure that Members of Parliament receive accurate and balanced information before making pronouncements on matters involving a close and longstanding partner of the European Union.

Given the urgency of this matter, the Embassy will appreciate prompt response on this request. The contact for the Embassy is: brussels@nje.go.tz and copy jumasalum2010@yahoo.com or mobile +32 468 53 80 08.

The Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the European Parliament the assurances of its highest consideration.

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