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Director General,  
UNESCO,  
7 Place Fontenoy,  
75007, Paris, France

Attention: The Director  
Communication and Information Sector

Dear Director,

**Re: Information on the killing of two Journalists**

Please refer to your letter ref. CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2016/'44 of 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 on the above subject.

Find attached information on the status of investigation and court cases on the killing of Journalists Daudi Mwangosi and Issa Ngumba. Information can be posted on the CI website as agreed in the IPDC decision.

We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our commitment to the principles of freedom of expression and safety of Journalists. We shall continue to furnish you with desired information on the progress of investigation and status of the court case as may be required from time to time.

Yours sincerely,

  
Prof. Elizabeth Kiondo  
For: Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of URT

**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**  
**INFORMATION ON KILLING OF TWO JOURNALISTS**

**1. DAUDI MWANGOSI**

Daudi Mwangosi, aged 40 years, was a reporter with the private Television Channel Ten. He was also the Chairman of the press club for Iringa Region.

It was alleged that on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 at about 16:45 hours there was mobilization of demonstration by supporters of the opposition party Chama cha Demokrasia na Maendeleo (CHADEMA) at Nyororo village in Mafinga District. As there was a ban by the police at the time against such mobilization, demonstration and gathering, that act contravened the law and was in total defiance of the ban imposed by the police. Owing to the volatile situation and fracas that ensued during the illegal demonstration, one of the Police officer negligently fired a tear gas canister into MWANGOSI'S stomach at close range and caused his death.

After this event, Investigation was conducted and one Police Officer named **G.572 PACIFICUS** was arrested for causing the death of DAUDI MWANGOSI and subsequently causing injuries to his fellow Police Officers namely Officer Commanding District of Mafinga, **ASP ASSEL S/O MWAMPAMBA**, assistant Inspector **ALLY S/O JUMA MWAMPUMBA**, assistant Inspector **GABRIEL MWAKISONGO**, **G. 6125 PC JOSEPH** and **G. 9934 PC MGAKA**. He was sent to court on 12/09/2012 and charged with murder. The case was fixed for hearing on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 to the 18 February, 2015 in the high Court of Iringa. Four witnesses adduced their evidence and the case was adjourned till next High Court sessions which are expected to take place depending on the court calendar schedule.

**2. ISSA NGUMBA:**

Issa Ngumba, aged 45 years, was a radio journalist at Kwizera Kakonko, in Kigoma Region, Western part of Tanzania. He was found dead on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 at about 07:00 hours in Kuryaruheza Mountain within Kakonko Forest, South of Kigoma Regional headquarters. On the side of his body it was found a hand gun (Chinese pistol) loaded with seven rounds of ammunitions and one spent cartridge, two cellular phones and 10,000/= Tanzania Shillings bank note was found in his trouser.

During investigation and upon examination of the body, it was discovered the body, apart from the bullet wound in his left hand, the postmortem revealed that, the cause of his death was due to ASPHYXIA Secondary to Strangulation.

Before this event, the wife of the deceased named RUKIA YUNUS, 39 years reported the Muhange Police station on 06/01/2013 at 17/45 hours about the missing of the deceased, after she lost communication with him since 05/01/2013. She reported further that her

husband (deceased) left home in the evening saying he was going to town center but he did not come back. It was also revealed that, apart from his journalist work, he was also a traditional healer, the work which required him to travel to different areas in and outside the country.

Investigation of this case is still under way due to the circumstances surrounding this accident, and the technics used by the murderers to commit the crime. No one has so far been arrested.