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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for the debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 122 of the Rules of Procedure

on Zimbabwe, notably the case of Farai Maguwu

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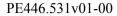
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European Parliament resolution on Zimbabwe, notably the case of Farai Maguwu

The European Parliament,

- recalling its previous resolutions on Zimbabwe,
- having regard to the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) which regulates the trade of rough diamonds,
- having regard to Rule 122(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas human rights defender Farai Maguwu was arrested on 3 June after passing information about human rights abuses to an independent monitor of the diamond trade,
 - B. whereas Farai Maguwu is being held in Harare Central Remand Prison, where he has been denied access to medication,
 - C. whereas there is a worldwide ban on Zimbabwean diamonds since November 2009 in response to allegations of atrocities committed by security forces since 2008 against those who flocked the Marange field when it was discovered,
- 1. Calls on the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Farai Maguwu, as he is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely because of his human rights work;
- 2. Calls on the Attorney General to investigate alleged human rights violations by security forces in the Marange diamond fields and hold those responsible accountable;
- 3. Calls for guarantees that, while in custody, Farai Maguwu will be given immediate and regular access to his relatives, lawyers and any medical treatment and medication he may need;
- 4. Urges the authorities to end harassment and intimidation of human rights defenders reporting on human rights violations in the Marange diamond fields by state security agents;
- 5. Urges the competent authorities not to allow Zimbabwe to resume the trade of diamonds unless Zimbabwe proves that its mines were properly run;



6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the institutions of the African Union, the United Nations Secretary-General, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, the United Nations Security Council, the United Nations Human Rights Council, the Chair of the KPCS and the government and parliament of the Zimbabwe.