

Letter to David Cameron

Written by Administrator
Friday, 30 March 2012 21:00 -

Dear Mr Cameron

The Zimbabwe Vigil is pleased to hear that you gave the Zimbabwean Prime Minister, Morgan Tsvangirai, your commitment to help achieve free and fair elections in Zimbabwe.

The Vigil has been demonstrating outside the Zimbabwe Embassy in London every Saturday for ten years in support of this cause.□

President Mugabe has insisted on elections this year even though a new constitution has not yet been adopted or reforms made as required by the Global Political Agreement he signed after the violent elections of 2008.

President Mugabe's supporters have made it clear that they will again employ the methods that sabotaged those elections, including violence and ballot rigging.

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The Vigil believes the international community has a duty of care to Zimbabweans to prevent bloodshed and ensure a fair poll. The contribution of regional observers during previous elections has been questionable and the Vigil calls for UN involvement this time.

We are grateful for the UK government's financial assistance for suffering Zimbabweans and ask that you go further and, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, transmit the Vigil's petition for UN help: 'We call on the Security Council to ensure that the next elections in Zimbabwe are free and fair. We look to the United Nations to supervise the electoral process and the handover of power to a new government and believe peace-keeping troops will need to be in place before, during and after the polling.'

As you will see the petition has been signed by more than 10,000 people from all over the world who have stopped by the Vigil.

We ask for an opportunity to present this petition to you or your representative in the near future as time for Zimbabwe is running short.

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Yours sincerely