

Petition to Zuma

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Media Notice from the Zimbabwe Vigil – 20th December 2012

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Zimbabwean exiles in the UK are to submit a petition to the South African High Commission on Saturday calling on President Zuma to put pressure on Mugabe to stop blocking the way to a referendum on the proposed new constitution.

Although the constitution has been signed off by Mugabe's representatives, Zanu PF is deliberately dragging its feet to prevent reforms before new elections as provided for in the Global Political Agreement of 2008.

The petition reads: “**Petition to President Zuma of South Africa:** Exiled Zimbabweans call on President Zuma to put pressure on President Mugabe and his Zanu PF party to implement the Global Political Agreement. If they continue to refuse we urge South Africa to take measures against the Mugabe regime.”

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The petition will be accompanied by the following letter:

Dear President Zuma

Zimbabweans in the diaspora congratulate you on your re-election as ANC leader. We hope that you will now have more time to devote to your obligations as mediator for Zimbabwe.

We believe your intervention is needed now more than ever as Zanu PF is determined to block any progress.

More than 3 million Zimbabweans have been forced from our country. Many of them are in South Africa. we long to return home but can do so only after free and fair elections have freed us from bondage.

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To go to elections without reforms will be a disaster for Zimbabwe and South Africa and the region as a whole. We will end up another Equatorial Guinea.

Yours sincerely, Vigil Co-ordinators

The petition has been signed by nearly 5,000 people who have stopped by the Zimbabwe Vigil which is held every Saturday outside the Zimbabwe Embassy in London, around the corner from South Africa House in Trafalgar Square.

The submission of the petition is part of the 21st Movement Free Zimbabwe Global Protest which has promoted a series of protests about the situation in Zimbabwe around the 21st of every month since January of this year.

This month's protest will also draw attention to the suffering of ordinary people in Zimbabwe at Christmas while the country's political leaders loot the country's resources.

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Timetable for Saturday 22nd December

- 2pm – Meet outside the Zimbabwe Embassy where people can sign the petition before it is submitted
- 3.30 pm – submit petition to the South African High Commission.
- 4.30 pm – turning on of Vigil's mourning Christmas lights