



José Manuel Barroso
President of the European Commission

Strasbourg, February 27th 2014

Dear Mr. President,

In the letter that I addressed to you on February 10th last, I brought to your attention the participation of Mrs. Linda Moisés Rosa, a peasant in North Lunda, Angola, and of Mr. Capenda Camulemba, traditional regent of that region, at a public hearing I promoted in Lisbon on February 7th, under the theme "Diamonds, Millionaires, Violence and Poverty in the Lundas – the impact of human rights violations in the EU-Angola relations".

In that letter I requested the following of the situation of Mrs. Linda Rosa and Regent Capenda by the EU Delegation in Luanda, upon their return to Angola, as I feared for their personal safety due to the fact that, with great courage, they testified in Portugal to the serious crimes occurred in the Lundas, thus making them targets for reprisals upon their return to Angola.

LUSA Agency reported today that the Angolan police arrested Regent Capenda without any formal accusation, having, meanwhile been released. According to Mr. Rafael Marques, Mrs. Linda Moisés da Rosa is also being the target of surveillance by the Angolan police at her residence and both are victims of "real persecution" commanded by "powerful State figures".

I therefore appeal to you, Mr. President, to take urgent measures through the EU Delegation in Angola in order to guarantee the protection of these witnesses and to ensure that the Angolan authorities stop their intimidation activities, underlining their responsibility in case the witnesses' physical and moral integrity will be affected.

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Rui Machete, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs, Portugal