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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing further to the decision to allow President Mugabe of Zimbabwe to attend the forthcoming EU-Africa summit in Portugal.

As I am sure you are fully aware, the European Parliament has adopted a resolution that calls on the Council to uphold the travel ban and I enclose a copy for information. You will note that the resolution stresses the fact that there are no economic sanctions in place against Zimbabwe, only restrictive measures targeted at the Mugabe regime, and encourages dialogue with the people of Zimbabwe.

A number of constituents have written to express their outrage that President Mugabe be permitted to travel into the EU despite the well-documented human rights abuses associated with his regime. The situation in Zimbabwe continues to deteriorate and I believe there is a very real risk that the work being done by other African leaders to promote democracy and human rights may well be undermined by the EU Presidency's decision concerning the EU-Africa summit.

I urge you to reconsider your position on this matter and look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,



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