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The British High Commissioner
255 Hill Street, Arcadia
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His Excellency,

RE: Pursue of #BringBackOurBones Campaign Petition submitted on the 4th of November, 2021

We submitted a petition on the aforementioned date requesting for Britain to repatriate decapitated heads of Zimbabwe's First Chimurenga heroes and heroines.

However, we did not get any response after the lapse of the seven (7) working days. We have come as a group to express our concern and unhappiness at the non-response. We interpret the non-response as a display of unwillingness to have this issue resolved, and a mockery of our civility.

Britain's appropriation of human remains and cultural objects brought about an entanglement of immeasurable spiritual losses, including loss of dignified burial of Chiefs and spiritual leaders. After forty one (41) years post-independence we are still unable to carry out cultural and funerary rites obligations to care for these revered dead.

The recent launch of the Campaign was not a spur-of-the-moment decision, but a result of spiritual torment of some Co-Conveners and several young Zimbabwean people across the world by the aggrieved dead demanding their heads back from Britain. We are a Campaign that has unshakeable determination to see to it that secondary reburials are done, so that the spirits of the dead rest and stop tormenting us.

Britain and Zimbabwe have a long history together, and there is much to be done to talk about reconciliation and healing, but first, repatriation is a good place for Britain to begin.

Our Campaign for repatriation can never be compromised nor abandoned, thus today we reiterate our need for a response from HRM Queen Elizabeth and relevant British Institutions.

Thank you for the attention to this important matter, and we look forward to your prompt reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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