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## ZIMRIGHTS FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST MR. PATRICK CHINAMASA'S HATE SPEECH AND INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE

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Today, the Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights) has lodged a complaint with the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission (ZHRC) as well as the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC) against the hate speech by Acting ZANU PF Spokesperson Mr. Patrick Chinamasa. In a communication to the two independent commissions, ZimRights has noted that hate speech and incitement to commit violence is prohibited by the laws of Zimbabwe and in violation of fundamental rights guaranteed in the Constitution. By inciting his supporters to commit violence against anti-corruption protestors, Mr. Chinamasa is putting the lives of many Zimbabweans in danger. ZimRights has noted that in the history of Zimbabwe, when leaders propagate hate speech, violence follows. ZimRights is urging the ZHRC and the NPRC to investigate the statements by Mr. Chinamasa and have the law take its course.

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