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Your Highness,

The health of opposition leader **Hassan Mshaima** (72) has alarmingly deteriorated over the past two months. He is a diabetic and former cancer patient, and suffers from other chronic illnesses, including from his heart.

**Hassan Mshaima** was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2011 after an unfair trial for leading widespread peaceful anti-government protests.

I call upon your Highness to release **Hassan Mshaima** immediately and unconditionally, as he is a prisoner of conscience convicted solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and assembly. His advanced age and health issues put him at higher risk of contracting COVID-19. In the meantime, I urge you to provide him with access to adequate healthcare, including prescribed medication and regular check-ups.

Yours sincerely,