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ZimRights Mourns Veteran Trade Unionist Mr Lovemore Matombo

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Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights) the working people of Zimbabwe and the world in mourning veteran trade unionist Lovemore Matombo who passed on 28 January 2020. Mr. Matombo's death is a great loss to his family, civil society, the working people and the nation at large. During his lifetime, Mr. Matombo represented workers in different platforms including the Post and Telecoms Union of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) as well as Commercial and Allied Workers' Union of Zimbabwe (CAWUZ).

An unwavering trade unionist, he was a prominent leader who was still working on advancing the rights of workers up to his last days. As a well-known fearless leader, he earned himself and ZCTU, the admiration, respect and esteem of the International Trade Union Movement. He was a great advocate and supporter of the values and principles of International Labour Organisation (ILO), including the Decent Work Agenda.

Mr Lovemore Matombo's remarkable contribution in the history of the labour movement in Zimbabwe will never be forgotten. From his leadership when ZCTU set in the Tripartite Negotiating Forum, his participation as a lead delegate in ILO conferences, to being an active board member of Labour Economic Development Research Institute of Zimbabwe (LEDRI). At his untimely death, Matombo was the President of Commercial and Allied Workers' Union of Zimbabwe. The country has indeed lost a gallant trade unionist.

During these challenging times, ZimRights joins all the other voices in offering its deepest condolences and sympathies to his family, friends, colleagues, workers, trade union leaders and civil society movement.

May his soul rest in eternal peace

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