



STATEMENT FROM THE DECIDE PLATFORM

THE DECIDE PLATFORM CONDEMNS MOZAMBIQUE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY IN TANZANIA

In a context widely contested at national, regional, and international levels, the DECIDE Platform, a Mozambican Civil Society Organization, expresses its deep repudiation of the participation of representatives of the Mozambican State in the inauguration ceremony in Tanzania. This act takes place at a time when Tanzania faces serious violations of the democratic norms of the SADC region and international principles of respect for human rights.

The recent elections in Tanzania were marked by the closure of civic space, allegations of electoral fraud, violence against citizens, and systematic human rights violations, including deaths, arbitrary detentions, and lack of adequate assistance to the injured. For the first time in history, the SADC Electoral Observation Mission itself presented a preliminary report acknowledging serious irregularities in the Tanzanian electoral process, which underscores the gravity of the ongoing democratic crisis—a stance we recognize as significant.

In this context, Mozambique's presence at a political event such as the Tanzanian inauguration reveals a complete lack of empathy for the victims of internal repression and a disregard for the fundamental principles of the rule of law. Even though historical and cultural ties exist between the two countries, such a gesture demonstrates the inconsistency of a State that, domestically, fails to hold perpetrators of human rights violations accountable or fulfill its promises of justice and reconciliation.

The DECIDE Platform apologizes to the people of Tanzania on behalf of all Mozambicans who believe in democracy, freedom, and respect for human dignity.

We also reiterate that international and regional organizations, especially the African Union, cannot continue to be silent accomplices in the face of the democratic backsliding observed in several African countries. The absence of a firm, coherent, and consistent stance only contributes to the perpetuation of impunity and the suffering of the people.

The DECIDE Platform reaffirms its commitment to the defense of democracy, human rights, and social justice in Mozambique and throughout the African continent.

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