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Dear Mr. President,

Burundian human rights defender **Germain Rukuki** was arrested on 13 July 2017 in Bujumbura and sentenced to 32 years in prison on 26 April 2018, without the presence of his legal representation. This decision was upheld by the Court of Appeal of Ntahangwa in Bujumbura on 17 July 2019.

Amnesty International considers Germain to be a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for his peaceful human rights work.

Please release Germain Rukuki immediately and unconditionally.

Yours sincerely,

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