

Minister of Justice
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Dear Minister,

On 17 March 2022, the Criminal Court of Mananjary sentenced human rights defender and secondary school teacher Jeannot Randriamanana to two years imprisonment after convicting him of charges of "defamation and humiliation of members of Parliament and public servants and identity fraud". Throughout February 2022, Jeannot Randriamanana exposed on his social media the local authorities' alleged embezzlement of humanitarian aid for the populations impacted by cyclones, Batsirai and Emnati, in the district of Nosy Varika, that hit Madagascar on 5 and 23 February 2022 respectively.

I would like to ask you to immediately quash Jeannot Randriamanana's conviction and drop all charges against him as his conviction stems from the peaceful exercise of his rights to freedom of expression and the right to freedom of information.

Yours Sincerely,

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