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### **MATABELELAND LIBERATION ORGANIZATION JOINS OEAS**

Washington DC: The Matabeleland Liberation Organization (MLO) has become a member of the Organization of Emerging African States (OEAS), an international governmental organization, that promotes self determination and the end to colonial era boundaries in Africa. The MLO joins front line OEAS members Cabinda (FLEC-FAC), Southern Cameroons (SCYL-GoSC), Mthwakazi (MLF-MPC), Azawad (MNLA) and Biafra (BGIE) in seeking an end to the brutal repression of its people.

The OEAS has also released a statement on Matabeleland declaring a political and economic crisis and encouraging peaceful devolution from Zimbabwe. The OEAS welcomes all organizations seeking the self determination and referendum on secession from Zimbabwe to join it order to promote a forum for unity and united front in the struggle against the ZANU PF government of Robert Mugabe. The OEAS further condemns the use of the Zimbabwe judicial system by ZANU PF in bringing treason charges against peaceful demonstrators and the torture and murder of political activists.

The OEAS also repeats its call for an international tribunal to be convened to provide justice and restitution for the victims and survivors of the Gukurahundi genocide and crimes against the Ndebele people by the ZANU.

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