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Your Highness,

The health of opposition leader Hassan Mshaima (72) has alarmingly deteriorated over the past two months. He is a diabetic and former cancer patient, and suffers from other chronic illnesses, including from his heart.

Hassan Mshaima was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2011 after an unfair trial for leading widespread peaceful anti-government protests.

I call upon your Highness to release Hassan Mshaima immediately and unconditionally, as he is a prisoner of conscience convicted solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and assembly. His advanced age and health issues put him at higher risk of contracting COVID-19. In the meantime, I urge you to provide him with access to adequate healthcare, including prescribed medication and regular check-ups.

Yours sincerely,