



GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT

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The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is deeply concerned by the report published by Human Rights Watch, which contains erroneous and misleading information as well as false allegations against Tanzania without giving the Government an opportunity to respond before its release.

It is regrettable that an institution of international repute like “Human Rights Watch” would publish unfounded claims clearly intended to tarnish the image of our country at the international level.

Furthermore, the assertion that various government authorities were given the opportunity to respond to these allegations is completely unfounded, as no communication was made through letter, phone call, or email.

The government wishes to underscore its unyielding commitment to protecting and promoting human rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, international and regional human rights treaties, to which Tanzania is a party. The enactment of the Presidential, Parliamentary and Councillors' Election Act No. 1 of 2024 provides for a level playing field in the upcoming general elections.

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Concerns of diminishing civic space and restrictions on political parties to engage in political processes in the lead up to the general election are unfounded and misleading. Likewise, accounts of abductions in Tanzania are a major source of concern for the government. It should be known that right to life, liberty and to safety is guaranteed by the constitution of the country.

The government of Tanzania is committed to upholding human rights in the lead up to the 2025 general elections and beyond, as it has always done. The government is also determined to uphold the principles of good governance and the rule of law in the upcoming elections, as is its practice.

The Government of Tanzania wishes to emphasize that it remains open and ready at all times to engage with institutions seeking accurate information regarding human rights and developments in the country. We therefore call upon all organizations and stakeholders to always communicate with the relevant authorities before issuing reports, in order to avoid misinformation that may undermine the country's reputation internationally.

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