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Serrote José de Oliveira

Dear President Lourenço,

I am writing to express my concern about the case of **Serrote José de Oliveira** (General Nila), who has been arbitrarily detained without trial since July 2025.

Serrote José de Oliveira is a leader of UNTRA Movement (Unidade Nacional para Total Revolução de Angola) which was involved in the nationwide taxi strike in Luanda in July 2025. He was filming a live video with fellow activists during the first day of the protests when men believed to be linked to Criminal Investigation Services (SIC) started shooting at the group, injuring Serrote José de Oliveira's left leg. He was subsequently arrested and has been in detention ever since. His lawyers have faced major obstacles in accessing his case file, raising concerns about his fair trial rights.

I urge you to ensure that Serrote José de Oliveira is immediately released, unless he is promptly charged with a recognizable criminal offence and brought before a court in proceedings that meet international fair trial standards.

Yours sincerely,