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## Media Release

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**To: Editors, Producers and Reporters**

### **CGE welcomes the sentencing of Zimbabwean National Nowa Makula**

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) welcomes the 6 life terms handed down to Zimbabwean national Nowa Makula of Elliotdale for murdering his girlfriend Nomzamo Mhlanti and 5 children, including a toddler.

The murders took place when the country was commemorating the 16 days of activism against violence on women and children, in 2020. The Commission has been monitoring the case and we are satisfied with the speed in which the verdict was delivered. We are aware that cases of GBV take long to be completed in the courts, with many others not getting a conviction. The CGE trusts that this sentence will serve as a benchmark in speedily addressing GBV cases.

As the institution empowered by the Constitution “to promote respect for gender equality and the protection, development and attainment of gender equality”, this places upon the Commission, the burden to ensure that our country observes the right of women and children to be protected against gender-based violence.

The Commission appeals to both the public and private sector and society at large to take a stand against perpetrators of gender-based violence. We will continue as the Gender Commission through our outreach and legal programmes to educate and raise awareness.

We urge members of the public with information about acts of gender-based violence and abuse to call our Toll-Free Number **0800 007 709** to report such cases or contact the nearest office of the Commission of Gender Equality.

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