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Subject: Testimony

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I was informed that the inspection on the objection against ProSAVANA-PD is undertaken since May this year, and sought for giving my testimony to one account written in the objection form by the agents.

I have read the following objection and acknowledge the accuracy of the descriptions of the events occurred.

https://www.jica.go.jp/environment/ku57pq0000205x3b-att/objection_original_170517.pdf

In another word, I have witnessed the following account occurred during the First Triangular People's Conference on ProSAVANA took place on August 8, 2013. The representatives of the civil societies of Mozambique, Brazil and Japan were invited to a coffee before the opening of the plenary of the conference in the closed room right next to the stage.

I was there with President Augusto Mafigo of UNAC and his staff and [REDACTED] when Minister José Pacheco was drinking his coffee. Four of us were sitting down and having coffee, while his staff and UNAC staff were on foot waiting for us.

When we were asked to come to the stage since all the participants were seated waiting for our appearance. Thus, President Mafigo stood up and tried to escort us all to the stage. But Minister Pacheco suddenly stood in front of him, and gave the following threats written in the objection form.

[Ameaça do Ministro na 1.ª Conferência Popular Triangular: Agosto de 2013]

- Contudo, o abuso de direitos humanos ocorreu antes da conferência. Os organizadores prepararam uma sala de café para os convidados importantes, como o Ministro da Agricultura e os seus oficiais. Antes que todos entrassem no palco, o Ministro de repente colocou-se à frente do nosso presidente nacional, e disse-lhe o seguinte:

“Você não quis dizer o que aparece na declaração porque os estrangeiros escreveram para você. Vocês são marionetas. E lembre-se, qualquer um que pisar no meu caminho, receberá imensa dor”.

Unfortunately, we did not record the event since it was closed welcoming coffee, but we took this account seriously, and made notes on these accounts.

When the above was spoken, Minister glared and pointed at President Mafigo then us. All of us in the room felt threatened.

During the plenary speech, Minister Pacheco repeatedly accused me and other Brazilian CSOs of using local peasants and Mozambique CSOs to stop ProSAVANA in order to assure chicken export from Brazil to Mozambique.

I testify everything written above is true.

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