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Concerning One Committee Member

(Should you need translation into German or French, please let me know!)

Dear members of the committee

I am writing to you in all confidentiality concerning committee member Ricardo Lumengo, lawyer and socialist MP of Angolan origin, Bienne (Switzerland).

On 19th February 2010, Ricardo Lumengo was investigated for voting irregularities. While admitting to helping voters fill in their ballot papers in 2006, he rejected all accusations of trying to falsify the results. On 11th November, Lumengo was convicted of election fraud and fined ten day rates of CHF 180. His party, the Socialist Party of Switzerland (SPS), of which I am a member, immediately asked him to resign. Instead, he appealed the verdict and left the SPS, announcing he would retain his seat in the National Council as an independent politician.

See also an article in Swissinfo: http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/politics/Judge_finds_politician_guilty_of_ballot_rigging.html?cid=28766980

Personally, I believe that high standards of correctness and respect for the rule of law must be upheld when fundamental democratic proceedings like elections are at stake. I therefore consider election fraud a very serious misdemeanor which does not comply with the commitment for human rights, historical truth and anti-racism that our committee stands for.

However, since Ricardo Lumengo has decided to appeal against the judge's verdict, I suggest to you to uphold as a basic legal principle the presumption of innocence in his case and continue considering him a member of our committee unless proved guilty on appeal.

I should be thankful to you for a short comment of agreement or disagreement.

Yours sincerely,

Hans Fässler