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Dear Ambassador,

Reporters Without Borders, an international organization defending freedom of information, would like to draw your attention to the case of journalist Agnès Uwimana Nkusi.

This 8 July 2012, is the second anniversary of the arrest in Kigali of Umurabyo's editor, Agnès Uwimana Nkusi. She was then sentenced to 17 years in prison on February 4, 2011, accused of inciting civil disobedience, insulting President, spreading untruths and denying the genocide of 1994.

Last April, her sentence was reduced to four years in prison. Reporters Without Borders welcomed this sentence reduction but it was not the expected news about Uwimana. As we have done since her arrest, our organization requests the withdrawal of all the charges against her and her immediate release.

Uwimana, who has been adopted by the Spanish section of Reporters Without Borders, had also been sentenced before in 2007 to one year in prison, accused of sectarianism and defamation.

All reforms regarding freedom of information announced by the Rwandan government will be worthless as long as journalists still get imprisoned for disseminating their points of views in your country.

Reporters Without Borders urges you to do everything in your power to secure Agnès Uwimana's release and the one of her journalist, Saidat Mukakibibi, who is also detained. We would also appreciate if you could provide us with information on Agnès Uwimana's state of health as soon as possible as her condition is delicate and has been compounded with her imprisonment.

Sincerely

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**Malén Aznárez**  
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Agnès Uwimana Nkusi's godparents in RSF-Spain's [sponsorship campaign of imprisoned journalist](#):

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