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Mr. Barack Obama
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Dear President Obama,

On behalf of the African Literature Association (ALA), an international organization of scholars, writers, students, and educators committed to promoting the study of and research into African literatures, I wish to congratulate you on your resolve and sustained effort to fight terrorism and restore respect for human rights in the world, especially in Africa.

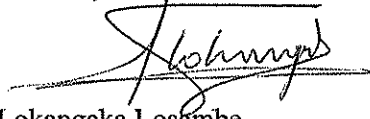
Although the goal of our association is to “facilitate the attempts of a world-wide audience to appreciate the efforts of African writers and artists,” we also actively support African peoples in their struggles for democratic principles and human rights. As such, we are committed to the safeguarding of African writers, whose lives are often in peril in the hands of autocratic regimes because of their dedication to justice and equal rights.

Because we believe in your vision of hope, we would like to urge your administration to work with African leaders as well as international government and non-governmental organizations to ensure the survival of citizens in several African nations currently on the brink of tragedy. We are particularly concerned about human rights violations that are currently taking place in Sudan, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Nigeria, Libya, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon, and Zimbabwe.

We strongly believe that with your leadership, we can collectively work to provide necessary humanitarian and economic assistance, especially to ensure that women and children, those who often suffer the brunt of political and environmental devastation, are protected.

Once again, the African Literature Association supports your efforts, President Obama, and wishes you the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lokangaka Losambe', written over a horizontal line.

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