

## Vigil letter to the Home Office re ROHR clarification

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I am writing this letter to clarify the situation regarding our sister organization the Restoration of Human Rights in Zimbabwe (ROHR). It was set up in 2007 to be the Zimbabwe Vigil's face on the ground in Zimbabwe. ROHR has now become well known and consequently there have been attempts to disrupt it – partly by government intelligence agents but also by elements seeking to cash in on promises of donor funds.

The upshot is that there is a group purporting to represent ROHR who are likely to make approaches to you in connection with asylum matters who are not authentic representatives of the organisation. ROHR continues to be led by its founding President Ephraim Tapa, who is also a founder member of the Vigil.

At a meeting of the ROHR Board of Trustees in Johannesburg on 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 Mr Tapa's leadership of ROHR in Zimbabwe was confirmed. His ROHR position was reaffirmed at a meeting in London on 4

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February 2012 at which a new ROHR UK Executive was elected.

See our websites for more information (

[www.zimvigil.co.uk](http://www.zimvigil.co.uk)

and

[www.rohrzimbabwe.org](http://www.rohrzimbabwe.org)

). Any other websites purporting to represent ROHR are not recognised by the Vigil.

For you information, Mr Tapa was a former head of a Zimbabwean civil service union and fled to the UK in 2002 after torture. He is currently working as a probation officer in London and has won a London Probation Trust Changing Lives Award.