



Federal Foreign Office

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**Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Westerwelle received
Zimbabwean human rights activist Jestina Mukoko**

German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Guido Westerwelle received today (17.12.) human rights activist and director of the „Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP)“ Jestina Mukoko.

Mukoko was awarded the human rights prize of the city of Weimar on 10. December. In Berlin Minister Westerwelle expressed his admiration for Mukoko's work and courage. At the same time he called upon President Mugabe to finally commit himself fully to leading his country along the path towards democratic and economic reform.

ZPP, founded in 2000, unites eight Non Governmental Organisations, which work towards a democratic society in Zimbabwe which is based on the rule of law. ZPP's documentation of human rights violations contributes substantially to this effect.

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