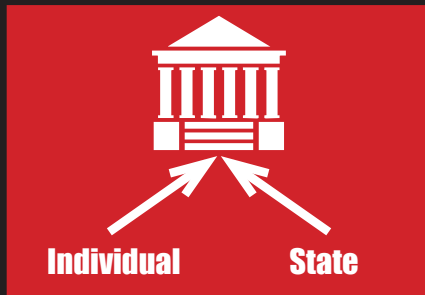


WEEK OF MOURNING: THE **DEMISE** OF THE **SADC** TRIBUNAL

On 18 November 2005, the SADC Tribunal was inaugurated.
The week of 14 - 18 November 2016 is devoted to mourning
the suspension and the abolition of individual access to the Tribunal.

2000 COURT PROTOCOL

Access



Applicable law

- ✓ SADC Treaty
- ✓ SADC Protocols
- ✓ Other treaties
- ✓ International law rules

2014 COURT PROTOCOL

Access



Applicable law

- ✓ SADC Treaty
- ✓ SADC Protocols

- 1992 — SADC Treaty is adopted.
- 2000 — SADC Protocol on the Tribunal is adopted as an **integral part** of the SADC Treaty. It allowed for access by **individuals and States**.
- 2005 — Inauguration of SADC Tribunal and swearing in of first judges.
- 2008 — SADC Tribunal finds that Zimbabwe violated the SADC Treaty (article 4(c)), obliging States to respect 'human rights, democracy and the **rule of law**' (*Campbell* decision).
- 2010 — SADC Summit fails to sanction Zimbabwe for non-compliance with the *Campbell* decision. SADC Summit calls for the review of the functioning of the Tribunal and effectively **suspends** the operation of the Tribunal.
- 2011 — Independent review concludes that the SADC Tribunal has clear legal basis and that the suspension of the Tribunal violates international law.
- 2014 — SADC Summit amends the Court Protocol to allow access **only to State parties**.
- 2016 — Zimbabwe becomes the first State to ratify the amended Tribunal Protocol when its Parliament approved the Protocol.

**The amended Protocol is NOT YET in force.
The SADC Tribunal remains effectively suspended.**

**WE CALL ON SADC STATES TO RESTORE
THE SADC TRIBUNAL IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM!**