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**LETTER OF SUPPORT: AFRICAN LEFT HANDERS CONFEDERATION
INITIATIVE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY COMMEMORATION
– 10 DECEMBER**

For the attention of: The Leadership of the African Left Handers Confederation Initiative,

It is a great honour for the Centre for Education Rights and Transformation (CERT) at the University of Johannesburg to extend its formal message of support to the African Left Handers Confederation Initiative International Human Rights Day Commemoration taking place on **10 December**.

International Human Rights Day serves as a global reminder of our collective obligation to uphold, protect, and advance the inherent dignity and equality of all people, especially those belonging to minority groups whose experiences are often overlooked or marginalised. In this regard, the rights and lived realities of left-handed and left-footed persons deserve far greater attention within human rights discourse, education systems, and wider society.

Left-handers constitute a minority group whose daily experiences—whether in classrooms, workplaces, or public spaces—reflect structural and cultural biases embedded in the design of tools, learning materials, technologies, and social expectations. These biases, though often unspoken, can inhibit learning, limit participation, and undermine the principle that **every person has the right to full inclusion, dignity, and equitable opportunity**.

As the Centre for Educational Rights and Transformation, we affirm that human rights are universal, indivisible, and interdependent. This includes the right of every learner and citizen to a safe and supportive cultural and learning environment that recognises and affirms their physical realities.

The call for equality for left-handed children and adults is both symbolic and practical: it is a call for societies to design inclusive systems where right-handedness is not the normative, and



where left-handed persons are not disadvantaged in their educational, social, or professional development.

We commend the African Left Handers Confederation Initiative for its leadership in placing these issues on continental and global agendas. Your advocacy contributes meaningfully to widening the lens through which human rights are understood and enacted, thus ensuring that no group is rendered invisible or excluded due to characteristics inherent to their physiological disposition.

On this important occasion, CERT (in its officially agreed partnership with and commitment to the African Lefthanders Foundation) stands firmly aligned with your mission in providing our wholehearted support for this seminal initiative on the continent.

We encourage all communities, and institutions across Africa to uphold the rights of left-handers by adopting inclusive practices, promoting awareness and advocacy, and fostering environments that embrace and enhance diversity in all its forms.

We wish you a successful and impactful International Human Rights Day commemoration.

With solidarity and respect,

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