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**Date:** (dd MMMM yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

**The Director-General**

Mr L.T. Makhode

Department of Home Affairs

Hallmark Building, 230 Johannes Ramokhoase Street

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Dear Director-General

**RE: FORMAL DECLARATION AND REQUEST TO AMEND OFFICIAL RACIAL CLASSIFICATION**

1. I, *the undersigned*, hereby respectfully submit this formal declaration and request in terms of my constitutional and human rights, and as a matter of legal record.
2. I am a South African citizen by birth and have been domiciled within the African continent since birth. I firmly identify as being part of its cultural and societal identity.
3. Pursuant to sections 9, 10, 16 and 18 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, I hereby exercise my legal and constitutional right to self-identification and declare that I am of **African descent** and identify accordingly without aligning myself to any other specific racial group.
4. This identification is based on my lived experience, cultural alignment, African birthplace and upbringing, and in the belief that racial identity, akin to gender identity, is inherently personal and not subject to external imposition.

5. While I remain proud of my ethnocultural heritage as a member of the one or other **African tribe**, such heritage is not mutually exclusive of my African identity. I accordingly assert my right to be recognised and accepted as an **African** in all national and international legal contexts.
6. I respectfully provide the following particulars:
  - **Full Names:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Identity Number:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Current Residential Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. I hereby formally request that the Department of Home Affairs **amend all internal and external records** to reflect my racial classification as only an **“African”**, irrespective of the pigmentation of my skin, or physical appearance, in so far it may be required and kept in any official record.
8. Furthermore, from the date of this notice onwards, I shall lawfully and consistently indicate **only “African”**, whenever my **“race”** is required, on all forms, documents, applications, or legal declarations, whether under the jurisdiction of South African law or any applicable international legal instruments.
9. This letter shall serve as **sufficient notice** to the Department of Home Affairs, also representing the State, and all associated or interlinked institutions that the aforementioned entries made by myself are constitutionally protected and to be treated as valid in law.
10. I reject any racial classification imposed upon me such as “white”, “Caucasian”, “European”, “black”, “coloured”, or otherwise, and hereby insist that only the declared classification be applied in any documentation concerning or involving myself.
11. I further request that such classification be recognised for the purpose of all policies and laws including, but not limited to, Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE), employment equity and any public or private diversity recognition initiatives where applicable.

12. In the event that this request is unreasonably denied or otherwise disregarded, I hereby authorise **Liberty Fighters Network (LFN)**, a voluntary association not for gain, to act on my behalf, represent me, to correspond with your department and if necessary, to institute proceedings in any competent forum, including the **Equality Court**, in accordance with the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act, 2000 (Act No. 4 of 2000).
13. I expressly reserve all rights available to me in law, including but not limited to the right to seek declaratory or interdictory relief as deemed necessary to protect and enforce my rights.
14. You are kindly requested to acknowledge receipt of this declaration and to confirm the amendment of your records accordingly. In the event that I do not receive any confirmation from your office within one month of receipt, I shall legally consider that you have accepted this change. Any further correspondence may be directed to myself (see my email hereunder) and to LFN, *via* its email at [StopBBBEE@libertyfighters.org](mailto:StopBBBEE@libertyfighters.org).

Yours sincerely,

<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Full Names:</b>
<b>Mobile:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

**IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE:** By completing, signing, and submitting this form in its unaltered format, you, as a citizen of the Republic of South Africa (RSA), hereby voluntarily and of your own free will, without any form of coercion, consent to become a **non-paying member** of Liberty Fighters Network (LFN), a voluntary association without gain operating in the RSA, and elsewhere, and recognised as a *Universitas*. Your membership is **free of any charges**, subscriptions, or hidden costs of whatever nature, and is subject to the LFN Amended Constitution (2024), which is publicly accessible on its official website at [www.libertyfighters.org](http://www.libertyfighters.org), together with the general terms and conditions as published and amended from time to time. By lodging this form, you acknowledge and agree that, should the State, any of its organs, or any private entity, fail, refuse, or neglect to accept and record your declared declassification from any imposed racial group classification, you hereby expressly mandate and authorise LFN to act on your behalf, as your legal agent, to enforce and protect your constitutional rights, including but not limited to the rights envisaged in section 38(c) and (e) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. This mandate empowers LFN to take any necessary steps to ensure that the State and/or its organs of state, or any relevant third parties, respect, protect, promote, and fulfil your rights as entrenched in the Bill of Rights, including your right to self-identification and freedom from racial discrimination.