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INKULUFREEHEID CALLS FOR ABOLITION OF BARRIERS THAT PREVENT WORKING CLASS YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ACCESSING QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING #FeesMustFall

As a movement of young people working towards deepening democracy in South Africa, InkuluFreeHeid recognises the massive impact that the #FeesMustFall movement has had in the last week. We pledge our solidarity and support for youth around the country who seek to lower the barriers which exclude working class students from the type of education that has the potential to change not only their material positions but the gross levels of inequality which have become normalised in South African society.

We recognize that the goal of quality universal free education cannot be realised in South Africa without collaboration and creative problem solving from all stakeholders - the state, university management, the private sector and students. The rising cost of education is not an isolated issue but linked to high rates of unemployment, rising inflation and an apparent lack of genuine efforts for cooperative programs which seek to change the system which reproduces vulnerability and exploitation in our country. We note with concern the apparent reluctance of government - through the department of Higher Education - and some universities to engage in good faith with protesters. The goal of accessible, high quality education is one which all stakeholders should share and thus we implore all stakeholders to work together to creating an inclusive multi-layered and evidence based solution that can appropriately tackle the complexities of the current Higher Education crisis.

As an organisation grounded in the Constitution of South Africa, InkuluFreeHeid **unilaterally condemns the use of disproportionate force, particularly by the police against non-violent protestors.**

IFH will continue to stand in solidarity and participate in the movement. We encourage young people to continue engaging and re-imaging the future of Education in our country.

Aluta Continua!

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