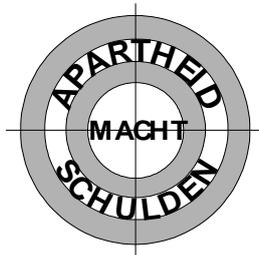


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Letter of Appeal to the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development

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To the Honourable Minister Jeffrey Thamsanqa Radebe

The German Campaign on Apartheid Debt and Reparations joins other stakeholders, in particular our partner organisation Khulumani Support Group, in rejecting the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development's (DOJ&CD) regulations gazetted on 11 May 2011, for the payment of educational assistance and health benefits exclusively to victims identified by the TRC.

As a coalition of organisations who have been fighting against apartheid and who since 1997 have been supporting the claims by apartheid victims and survivors for acknowledgement, compensation, redress and reparations, we see the urgent need for adequate reparations for all who have suffered gross human rights violations in South Africa, those who were left out of the TRC process and those identified by the TRC.

We acknowledge the great merits of the TRC in starting to unravel the truth about the crimes of apartheid but we are also sadly aware of the fact that – for various reasons – it has failed to accommodate all victims and survivors in its proceedings. Its findings can therefore not serve as the database for granting reparations. We share the view of our partners that government has not adequately addressed the plight of victims who in their great majority are still living in deep poverty and suffering from the manifold effects of the human rights violations inflicted on them. 54% of Khulumani's membership live with the devastating mental health consequences of having been tortured. In fact, they have been grossly neglected in any post-TRC measure.

We feel that reparations should be fully inclusive of all those who qualify for such. In addition it should include not only health and educational issues but psychosocial services and community reparations.

We therefore urge you to engage in meaningful consultation with victims and revisit the gazetted regulations considering their needs and wishes. We sincerely hope that you will thus be able to come up with a proposal that may be embraced by those directly concerned.

Yours sincerely,



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