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**LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
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Dear Mr Brown,

10 December is Human Rights Day throughout the world. In South Africa the 'Lawyers for Human Rights' Group thought it appropriate that a public statement be made expressing support for the broad ideal of human rights in the form of a newspaper advertisement which is to be sponsored by approximately 1 000 people. These people are to be drawn from all walks of life and all the professions - business, law, medicine, education, engineering, architects, religious leaders, community personalities and so on - who are well known in the South African community and whose standing is impeccable.

The proposed statement is attached and is to be inserted as a full page advertisement (with the names of those supporting it underneath) in the Sunday Times and Rapport on 5 December 1982.

Amongst those who have indicated their agreement with the statement and their willingness to associate their names with its publication are :

Mr Raymond Ackerman	Adv Sydney Kentridge SC
Adv George Bizos SC	Mr Legau Mathabate
Mr Tony Bloom	Dr H. Motlana
Prof G R Bozzoli	Mr Harry Oppenheimer
Adv Jules Browde SC	Mr Mike Rosholt
Dr Jonathan Gluckman	Bishop Timothy Bavin
Mr William Lane	

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to join this group and lend your name and reputation to its credibility. I believe that this will be an important statement which is clearly in South Africa's interests and which will serve as a message to those in authority that there is a body of highly respected and competent people in the country who care about human rights and the concept of the rule of law, and who are prepared to say so publicly.

The statement will not in any way whatsoever be associated with any political party.

If you are agreeable to lend your name to its publication, please let me (or my secretary, Miss Maureen O'Donoghue) know by writing to me at the above address or preferably telephoning 322591, office hours only. In order to defray the considerable cost of the advertisements, we are asking those people who support the idea to donate R20,00. Cheques should be made payable to 'Human Rights Day Advertisement' and returned with the enclosed cut-off slip.

Yours sincerely,



O.M. OOSTHUIZEN  
SECRETARY  
LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
DURBAN REGION



# The rights of ALL the people

NEXT Friday, December 10, is Human Rights Day.

Throughout the world men and women who believe that fundamental human rights should be protected by the rule of law will observe this day.

They will be joined by those who have signed this statement.

All the signatories are South Africans who believe that recognition of the dignity and basic rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of justice, freedom and peace.

We believe in human rights for all, without distinction on grounds of colour, language, sex, religion, political opinion, national or social origin, property or wealth.

**We believe that everyone has the right to:**

- Life, liberty and security of the person
- Freedom of movement and assembly
- Freedom of expression
- Participate in the country's economic life
- Participate in the political affairs of the country
- Citizenship in the country of their birth.

We believe that all people are equal before the law, that they have a right to access to the courts, and that they are innocent until proved guilty.

**Therefore, no person shall be subjected to:**

- Any cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment
- Or to arbitrary detention or restriction of liberty

We dedicate ourselves to the attainment and preservation of these fundamental rights.

We urge all our fellow South Africans to do the same.

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