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ON BEHALF OF: Yasmin Sooka, Chair of the Constitutionalism Fund

TRIBUTE TO YVONNE MOKGORO

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our chair Judge Yvonne Mokgoro, former judge of the Constitutional Court and founding chair of the Constitutionalism Fund,

As a highly respected and beloved leader, Mokgoro's influence on our democracy was hugely significant. She played a crucial role in the development of the Constitutionalism Fund (CF), launched in 2015 and which supports more than 60 human rights and social justice organisations in South Africa.

Her steadfast commitment to constitutional principles and a deep respect for the role of civil society in upholding democracy were instrumental in shaping the fund's core values and ethos. Her death is a profound loss for the human rights and social justice organisations. She led the CF with integrity, warmth, and an unwavering commitment to the mission of constitutionalism.

To know and work with her was a privilege of the highest order. Her legacy will continue to inspire and guide us as we strive to uphold her values and commitment to justice. She will be deeply missed.

Our hearts and thoughts are with her family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Yasmin Sooka, Chair of the Constitutionalism Fund

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