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Open Letter to the Leadership of Ukraine and other World Leaders

We, the undersigned, have viewed with some concern the unfolding pictures of **Afriphobia, Structural and Institutional Racism** facing our Global Afrikan Family as they try to board trains leaving the conflict zone in Ukraine. We hereby make a Global Call for Justice and urge the authorities to ensure the safety of our Global Afrikan Family and address the racist treatment they face. It is unacceptable that Afrikan families are being pulled off trains and left stranded for hours at train stations.

Reports of Neo-Nazi attitudes and the rise of Fascism have been a source of concern for a number of years. We urge the International Community to recognise that, following a reluctant acknowledgement that the Trans-Atlantic Trafficking of Afrikans and Enslavement were Crimes against Humanity, the lack of progress on Reparations for the Maangaamizi and Maafa, has fuelled unfortunate attitudes. The failure to acknowledge that the Social Construct of Racism was at the heart of the crime, has allowed disgraceful attitudes to fester and explode periodically in our lives with crimes like the murders of Matlhomola Mosweu in South Africa in 2016, Masonda Ketada Olivier in India 2016, Kerwin Lucas Duimeijer in 1983, Emmanuel Chidi Namdiin Italy in 2017, George Floyd in 2020, and Marielle Franco in Brazil in 2020. We are only highlighting one Afriphobic murder per region, a symbol of the racist attacks faced by the Afrikan Family which needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

It is our hope that action will be taken to dismantle the infrastructure which supports the Afriphobia, prompted by the annual 21 Days against Racism and the remembrance of the Sharpeville Massacre on 21st March 1960.

Yours sincerely,

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Notes

Afrika: Matlhomola Mosweu, a 15-year-old was killed on April 20 2017 by Pieter Doorewaard, 28, and Philip Schutte, 35, who claim they caught him taking a plant from a farm in the area. Doorewaard was jailed for at least 18 years and Schutte was jailed for at least 23 for murder. The pair was also found guilty of kidnapping and intimidation. The boy died after being thrown out of a moving vehicle driven by the pair in the town of Coligny, South Africa.

Asia-Oceania: Masonda Ketada Olivier was a Congolese national who died after being assaulted in the Indian city of New Delhi on the night of 22 May 2016

Caribbean: Kerwin Lucas Duinmeijer a 15 year old from the Dutch Caribbean was stabbed to death in August 21 1983 by was 16-year-old Nico Bodemeijer, a Dutch skinhead whose Jewish father, awkwardly enough, was a survivor of World War II. After he had been stabbed, Duinmeijer ran to Dam Square and asked a taxi to take him to hospital. The taxi driver refused to let him into his car. A second taxi driver called an ambulance and provided first aid to the teenager. The ambulance arrived 20 minutes later and rushed Kerwin to hospital, where he died of blood loss a short time later

Europe: Emmanuel Chidi Namdi and his wife Chimiary were guests in Fermo bishop's seminary from September 2015 when they fled Boko Haram violence in Nigeria. On 5 July 2016, they were walking down to the coastal town when a group of ultras from the local soccer club and far right extremists insulted Chimiary by calling her an "African monkey". Emmanuel reacted to the abuse and the group attacked him with a ripped-out road-sign pole, which left him in a coma. They kept on beating him. He died the day after. None of the onlookers and passers-by intervened to help. The murder of Emmanuel is not an isolated incident. He adds to the countless victims of daily racist violence and hate in Europe. His murder has been incited and nurtured by the widespread representation of migrants and Black people as a threat and fear-mongering in public and political discourse. It is the outcome of the inability of the EU and national governments to face up to the rise of violent racism, xenophobia and Afriphobia in the European Union.

North America: George Perry Floyd Jr. Murdered by a Police Officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota who knelt on Floyd's neck and back for 9 minutes and 29 seconds. After his murder on Afrika Liberation Day, May 25, 2020, protests against police brutality, especially towards those of Afrikan Heritage spread across the world. Floyd's dying words, "I can't breathe" became a rallying cry.

South America: Marielle Franco born **Marielle Francisco da Silva**, was a Brazilian Politician, Socialist, Feminist, Socialist and Human Rights Activist who served as a city councillor in Rio de Janeiro until her assassination on 14 March 2018. Franco and her driver Anderson Pedro Gomes were shot multiple times and killed. Marielle Franco had been an outspoken critic of Police Brutality and Extrajudicial Killings. In March 2019, two former police officers were arrested and charged with the murder of Marielle Franco

