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The Chairman
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Dear sir

## **BILL OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Committee of University Principals has expressed itself in favour of the inclusion of the principle of Academic Freedom in a future Bill of Human Rights for South Africa. The Committee therefore is dismayed to learn that Academic Freedom is not included in the proposed Bill of Human Rights, which is due to be discussed shortly at the Negotiation Forum.

The Committee of University Principals seriously urges the Negotiating Forum to include this principle, which is fundamental for the well-being of tertiary education, in the Bill of Human Rights to be adopted for the future South Africa.

Examples of the way in which Academic Freedom can be included in a Bill of Human Rights can be found in clause 12.3 of the draft document of the Democratic Party, and in clause 14.4 (a) in combination with clause 31 in the draft document of the National Party.

Yours sincerely

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