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PRESS RELEASE: HETN WELCOMES CONCOURT JUDGEMENT ON UFS LANGUAGE POLICY

The Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN) hereby welcomes the Constitutional Court judgement on the dual medium language policy of the University of the Free State (UFS).

We welcome the judgement and its resultant legal precedent establishing official university policy certainty and the official flattening of Afriforum's racist campaign to retain Afrikaans as the sole medium of instruction in formerly Afrikaans-only public higher educational institutions.

We cannot underestimate and continue to give scant respect that South Africa is a country with 11 official languages and that there is a significant proportion of South African communities such as the Khoisan whose languages have not been considered and have been excluded from the official South African language dispensation.

All South African languages must be treated equally with respect.

Whilst it may not be possible for government to provide for indigenous language education for all, English should remain the international standard medium of instruction to ensure that all students from all South African communities are able to access higher education equally. Ends

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