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United against racism

A lot of us are appalled and horrified by the unjust and unwarranted brutal 8-minute 46-second murder of George Floyd. George Floyd has become another name on a long list of numerous deaths of African American males from police brutality. There are names we know and there are names we will never

know. These senseless deaths whilst being restrained and or in custody by the police has risen to an ongoing senseless slaughter. They serve as a reminder of the injustices suffered by African Americans for generations and for more than 400 years.

This systematic racism and sickening

slaughter of boys as young as twelve has become tragically too familiar. African American boys and men are over-represented amongst those killed by police. African Americans boys and men have been stabbed, tasered, confronted with lethal force whilst unarmed or beaten to death during police encounters. They have also been asphyxiated. Under the guise of lawful police restraint, such killing practice has morphed into a modern-day racial terror lynching. The noose has been replaced with the knee on the neck.

The world should rise up and take a stand against racism by calling on the President of The United States of America to confront racism and inequality against African Americans. United, we call on President Trump to seize the opportunity presented by this deplorable murder and to mark a place in history by taking decisive steps to make addressing the

root causes of persistent inequalities a priority on his agenda.

We call on the President of The United States of America to abide by the oath he took upon resumption of office to protect the human and civil rights of all its citizens, including African Americans. Let the senseless killing of George Floyd not be in vain by ensuring it is no longer

**We take a stand against racism.
It is not enough to be non-racist.
Being anti-racist is an active response
to racism and its mechanisms, whereas
silence in the face of injustice is complicity.**

business as usual.

We call on the President of The United States of America to take immediate steps to safeguard the human and civil rights of African American boys and men. Certain reforms must be put in place to redress the situation and ensure racial consciousness throughout America. Prevention of racial discrimination encompasses non-discrimination and equal treatment. This encompasses such mundane things as jogging and not being shot or being in your own home and greeted with a barrage of bullets. It also encompasses prevention of the heighten risk of death when African American boys and men are routinely stopped by the police.

We call on the President of The United States of America to instill as a matter of urgency, reforms against all discriminatory policies

including banning the lethal carotid restraint technique and punitive policing to ensure a cessation to police brutality and racism.

This is not a victory for George Floyd.

It is lamentable and macabrely ironic that the same race that contributed to building this nation's great economy through bondage,

sweat and blood is the same race who bears the brunt of lethal racial attacks. Martin Luther King's word of hope that one day we will live in a nation where we are judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character is being draconically pushed aside and replace with "I can't breathe". Emblematic of racist police brutality is the chronic stanza "I can't breathe".

Police cars are now hearses. The world saw the harrowing video. The world watched a man die. All eyes are watching.

All lives matter. Black lives matter.

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As a people, and especially, as civil society organizations, we must continue to work harder to not only gain a deeper understanding of the root cause of inequities, but also to remove them for social justice and equality for all.