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LET'S WALK UGANDA JOINS LEGAL FIGHT AGAINST THE ANTI HOMOSEXUALITY ACT AS PETIONERS AND CALLS FOR URGENT SUPPORT

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Let's Walk Uganda, a leading grassroots organization dedicated to promoting equality and human rights in Uganda, is thrilled to announce the joining of the official appeals before the constitutional court to stop the draconic Anti Homosexuality Act under petition No.16 of 2023. As the negotiations before the court might start soon, Let's Walk Uganda is urgently calling for support. Local and International solidarity significantly increases chances of winning the legal fight and prevents violent backlashes against activists involved in this bold act.

In May 2023, with the Anti Homosexuality Act (AHA) a regressive legislation that undermines the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals based on their sexual orientation has been signed into law in Uganda. The inhumanity of the AHA in Uganda has in the past month triggered loud protest in Uganda and around the world. In Uganda, a central form of resistance against the AHA has been pursued by various human rights lawyers and public figures: they are contesting the AHA before the constitutional court. They used a "Constitutional Petition", which in Uganda is a legal suit filed by any person who is of the view that a certain law passed by government (parliament) violates the Constitution of Uganda and International Law and therefore should be annulled.

Now Let's Walk Uganda (LWU), along with individuals Musiime Alex Martin, Mutebi Edward, and Nabuyanda John Solomon, has taken a bold step to join a Constitutional petition together with advocate Rutaro Robert to repeal the draconic Act. As the AHA of 2023 infringes upon the fundamental rights and freedoms of our fellow Ugandans, LWU has decided to urgently be a part of this crucial legal battle.

As an organization dedicated to advocating for human rights and social justice, LWU recognizes the importance of challenging laws that discriminate against any individual or group based on their sexual orientation. We firmly believe that no one should face discrimination or persecution due to their sexual orientation, and it is our responsibility to stand up against such injustices.

LWU remains committed to supporting all other petitions in court that align with our common goal of eradicating discrimination and promoting equal rights for all and hence call for a repeal of the AHA. As a grassroots organization, LWU is not standing alone in this fight. We are a representation of grassroots organizations that are at the forefront of supporting the community members that are badly affected by this law. Our commitment to upholding the rights and dignity of every individual remains unwavering, and we believe that our voice deserves to be heard.

With us as a grassroots organization joining the petition, we believe that chances to gain a progressive outcome of the petition is strongly increased. The representation of people affected, and democratic participation of the civil society is increased. At the same time as a grassroots organization, we fear great potential of repression.

We thus call upon all allied organizations and individuals to rally behind us in this fight for equality and justice. We urge each one of you to extend your support and solidarity to the cause by raising awareness, sharing information, and if possible, by joining to carry the financial weight of this important and unpredictable process.

We are convinced: Together, we can make a significant impact and help overturn this discriminatory legislation.

Let us come together as a united force, transcending barriers, and prejudices, to create a future where every Ugandan can live free from discrimination, regardless of their sexual orientation and to push back international homophobia.

Please stand with Let's Walk Uganda in this historic fight against the Anti Homosexuality Act of 2023.

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About Let's Walk Uganda (LWU)

Let's Walk Uganda (LWU) is a grassroots organization dedicated to promoting human rights, social justice, and equality for all individuals in Uganda. LWU actively engages in advocacy, community mobilization, and awareness campaigns to challenge discriminatory laws and policies. Through collective action and collaboration, LWU strives to create a society where every person is respected, valued, and free from discrimination.