



*“Mandela was perhaps the greatest moral leader of our time.”
- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Like millions and millions of people around the world, my heart missed a beat when I saw the breaking news about Nelson Mandela’s passing. It was not so much pain or sorrow or shock that I was feeling, it was a sinking feeling, as if I had been orphaned. But at the same time I felt so blessed to have been part of a generation lucky enough to have lived at the same time as Madiba.

And today as we celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a text cherished and widely quoted by Mandela, we also say our final goodbye to him .

Today, 10 December 2013 we celebrate Human Rights and we celebrate Mandela’s life.