

**UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
FORUM ON MINORITY ISSUES
Geneva Switzerland 25.26 November 2014**

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Our request is that this **Forum on Minority Issues** takes serious note of the alarming increase in and continuing brutal murders of farmers and farm workers in South Africa since 1994.

Furthermore - to assist in preventing and addressing the violence and atrocities directed at and targeting a strategic minority community enterprise responsible not only for food security but which contributes considerably to job creation, economic growth, food security and the prosperity of the entire South African nation.

The assistance is requested in the light of:

- various commissions and committees of enquiries, plans and strategies, acknowledgements and commitments from the authorities relating to farm murders having come to nothing;
- an unacceptable total of 1651 farm murders having been committed from 1990 to 2013;
- the comparative international figures showing an average of 7 murders per 100 000 people per year whereas South Africa registers 31,1 per 100 000 – but, if projected into specific categories it reflects 54 per 100 000 for police officers and an alarming 132,8 per 100 000 for farmers;
- the phasing out of the former Commando-protection-system which operated extremely successfully in the rural areas, which in turn created a vacuum in security, due to it never having been replaced with the proposed Area Crime Combatting Unit or Sector Policing; and
- the decision by the police authority not to release facts and figures related to farm murders after 2007 as a separate category, which was practice until 2007, but to brush this problem off as '*murder is murder*' thus reducing the seriousness of the situation by simply generalising it.

*(Attached hereto is the input made by the Freedom Front Plus to the **UNO Human Rights Representative** in South Africa's present investigation into farm murders)*

Therefore, we, the FREEDOM FRONT PLUS of South Africa, together with other registered South African participants -

Request this **Forum on Minority Issues** to share and adopt our concerns about these continuous cruel and violent atrocities committed with brutal force and often extreme torture against the South African farming fraternity – which, in international terminology, is referred to as genocide; and

Recommend that the **UN General Secretary** initiates a full investigation, together with the present investigation by the **UN Human Rights Commission' representative in South Africa**, to pressurize the SA government to immediately implement effective measures to put an end to these atrocities.

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Our request is that this *Forum on Minority Issues* takes note of the disastrous process of land re-distribution since 1994, the reopening of land claims in 2014 and the myth that land was stolen from black people by white farmers in South Africa all of which negatively impacts on crucial food production and security, economic growth, and the prosperity to the entire South African nation.

Furthermore – that this *Forum on Minority Issues* takes cognisance of the fact that:

- Since the introduction of land re-distribution in 1994 the approximately 120 000 productive commercial farmers in South Africa were reduced to a mere 36 000. More alarming is the fact that 95% of South Africa's food is produced by these 36 000 commercial farmers and only 5% by the 220 000 emerging and 1.3 million subsistence farmers;
- 80 000 claims were lodged since 1994 up to 1998 of which 59 000 of the valid 77 000 claims were settled at a cost of R25.2 billion of which a large percentage consisted of cash payments rather than land settlements. There are still 8 471 of these claims not yet finalised;
- Despite vehement objections from various quarters President JG Zuma formally signed the **Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act** into law on Monday 30 June 2014 (*Gazette No 37791, 01 July 2014, Vol 589*) which provides for the re-opening of the lodgement of land claims over a period of five years. The South African government's own calculation is that 397 000 new land claims will be received which will cost taxpayers approximately R179 billion;
- The ideological political propoganda which seeks to bolster emotional support relies on the misleading myth that based on Histo-Geo-Political facts the white farmers stole the land from black people which is vehemently rejected with the contempt it deserves. There is sufficient proof that land was either negotiated, bartered or bought after stringent negotiations stretching from 1652 to 1913;
- This type of ideological political propoganda creates a climate for conflict and enhances 'land grabbing ala-Zimbabwe' which already reared its head in isolated cases in the provinces of Kwazulu-Natal and Gauteng which can lead to the complete destabilization in South Africa and for the commercial famers in particular.

(Attached a synopsis of the land-redistribution and re-opening of land claims process, statement by the SA Institute for Race Relations as well as a Histo-Geo-Political overview of South Africa's land problem)

Therefore, we, the **FREEDOM FRONT PLUS** of South Africa, together with other registered South African participants –

Once again voice our sincere concern about land being used as a political tool by the South African government, and the continuous shift in goal posts which will bring greater uncertainty in an already uncertain political and farming environment.

Request this *Forum on Minority Issues* and the *General Secretary of UNO* to take on board our concerns about the reopening of Land Claims in South Africa and the resultant negative impact on the farming community and other minority communities on the future of land ownership and food security in South Africa.

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Our request is that this *Forum on Minority Issues* takes serious note of the deliberate actions taken by the South African government to dilute and eventually eradicate Afrikaans-language mother-tongue education for Afrikaners in South Africa since 1994.

Furthermore - to assist in preventing and addressing the structural and systematic destruction of its language and culture directed at and targeting a strategic minority group despite its continuing contribution to job creation, economic growth and the prosperity of the entire South African nation.

We ask this in the light of:

- The government forcing Afrikaans language medium primary and secondary schools to accept non-Afrikaans speaking learners which eventually leads to the transformation of the schools into English language medium schools;
- The resultant declining of the Afrikaans language medium school numbers from more than 3000 in 1994 to the present 1429 despite the fact that Afrikaans speakers continue to remain the third largest language group in South Africa;
- The government forcing Afrikaans language medium public universities to transform into English language medium universities under the guise of transformation resulting in no exclusively Afrikaans language medium public university presently in existence despite the fact that Afrikaans speakers still remain the third largest language group in South Africa;
- The government's continuing establishment of new universities where the only language of instruction will be English and the resultant discrimination against the other South African languages; and
- The fact that research performed by IPSOS reliably indicates that most South Africans, including Afrikaners, are in favour of mother tongue education.

(Note the attached parliamentary answers received from government that informs the above statements as well as the IPSOS report)

Therefore, we, the FREEDOM FRONT PLUS of South Africa, together with other registered South African participants -

Request this *Forum on Minority Issues* to share and adopt our concerns about this systematic discrimination committed with impunity not only against the 2 710 461 white Afrikaans-speakers but also the 3 442 164 coloured and 602 166 black Afrikaans-speakers – which, in the Statute of Rome, is referred to as an institutionalized regime of systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over any other racial group or groups; and

Recommend that the *UN General Secretary* initiates a full investigation, in order to pressurize the SA government to afford equal educational opportunities for all its peoples in their mother tongue.

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Our request is that this *Forum on Minority Issues* takes serious note of the attempts by the present South African government to absolutely exclude Afrikaners in South Africa from freely participating in economic activities in the country since 1994.

Furthermore - to assist in preventing and addressing the structural and systemic violence and atrocities targeted against a strategic minority that mainly contributes to job creation, economic growth and prosperity to the entire South African nation.

In the light of:

- The endeavour by the government to exclude Afrikaners (under the generic and racist label of “white”) from the labour force by virtue of the Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998, as amended, which forces racial affirmative action quotas onto the public and private sectors that must reflect the national and regional population demography and thereby seriously diminishing the right of and opportunity for Afrikaners – the majority of whom are skilled - to participate in the economy, to earn a living wage and to contribute to grow the economy;
- The non-compliance by the government with its own employment equity rules of demographic representation witnessed by the fact that the government is continuing to implement affirmative action in the public service even though the demographic representation targets have been met, thus excluding Afrikaners from being employed in the public service on all levels;
- The perpetuation and increased central policing of affirmative action by virtue of the Employment Services Bill (in process of being legislated) which requires the licensing of all employment agencies, the compulsory listing of certain vacancies in the labour market with the State Employment Service, and accordingly the intervention of the government in any private enterprise appointments of Afrikaners;
- The endeavour by the government to exclude Afrikaners (under the generic and racist label of “white”) from the economy by virtue of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003, as amended, and its Codes of Good Practice that inserts into the economy as a whole and forces racial quotas in all public and private enterprise in the form of:
 - ownership quotas based on race whereby score card points are achieved for the “blackness” of the enterprise – the more “black”, the more you can trade with government or large private enterprises, the more “white” the less you can and any black shareholding below 40% disqualifies an Afrikaner enterprise from doing business with any large enterprise or government, who constitutes the bulk of the economic activity in the RSA. The Code promotes

100% black ownership denying Afrikaners any ownership in business in South Africa;

- development and training based on race where score card points are achieved only by developing black people and none are awarded for white people's training and thus most Afrikaners are denied training in a discriminatory manner;
- procurement based on race where score card points are achieved for the blackness of providers and none for white providers and thus excluding most Afrikaners; and
- social assistance and investment based on race where score points are achieved for any social investment in projects where blacks are benefited, but none where whites are, thus excluding poor Afrikaners, including their babies and children (inclusive of abandoned Afrikaner babies due to poverty and otherwise), from any assistance and investment.

Therefore, we, the FREEDOM FRONT PLUS of South Africa, together with other registered South African participants -

Request this *Forum on Minority Issues* to share and adopt our concerns about this systematic and impoverishing economic discrimination committed with impunity towards Afrikaners – which, in the Statute of Rome, is referred to as an institutionalized regime of systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over any other racial group or groups; and

Recommend that the *UN General Secretary* initiates a full investigation in order to pressurize the SA government to put an end to these internationally unacceptable racially discriminating measures and to listen to their own advisors who recently stated that affirmative action proved to be counter-productive and a failure.

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