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Mr Chair, Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen

I would like to commence my intervention standing.

I represent indigenous minority clans of Gabooye, Gabooye clans live in Somalia including Puntland, somaliand, jubbaland as well as Djibouti, Kenya and Somali regional state of Ethiopia.

Somali clans discriminate Gabooye clans based on a belief that our ancestors are of Jewish decent although we are Muslims and belief in Islam as our religion.

After the downfall of the Somali Government between 1990-1991 Gabooye clans have been through the worst genocide the country every witnessed, we was always seen by other Somali clans as non-humans. Discrimination rape and execution was always justified and carried with a blessing referring Gabooye as the cursed clan "YAHOOD" in Arabic meaning Jews.

We have lived through this horrific outlaw for over 2 and half decades starting with civil war, famine, clan militia control, Islamic courts, self-declared regions, regional administration, Al shabab, and first central government of Somalia headed by President Hassan Shiekh Mahamoud.

Throughout the journey Gabooye clans have not received any humanitarian support, social, political or even invitation to the reconciliation process NEW DEAL from either the Somalia, UN, EU or the international community.

We have tried enormous times to participate in the reconciliation process or NEW DEAL but was turned down because our position was filled by oppressing group impersonating to be member of Gabooye organisation / community.

When we have addressed this and many other issues to UN special representative to Somali but was informed that this was not a priority and it's a Somali issues that needs to be dealt with internally

Some might see my intervention as criticism but our response would simply be "in order to fix a problem we have to acknowledge that there is one" I am sure that you all would agree that there is a long standing problem in Somalia.

The forum on minority issues is the only forum we have to address our concerns not only to Somalia but also to all member states at the United Nations and I would like request all participating states official to acknowledge our plight and assist us in this matter.

The only country that sympathised with us was the United States of America and we hope to hear from the other states as well

Finally in my conclusion as stated in my intervention on the 7th session on the forum of minority issues 2014 to support and empower Gabooye clans through Gabooye clans themselves and request Denmark as the host nation for the New Deal for Somalia to include the actual and true representative from the Gabooye clans not the members of the Somali oppressing group represented by IIDA.

I thank you for your interest in this matter.

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