

Statement on the 1st Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

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Thank you Chairman for this important opportunity to speak. I am Irene ZHU, Chairman of the EurAsia Forum, based-in Zurich Switzerland. It is a great pleasure to participate in this live open discussions. This high-level panel discussion brings together inspiring and respected thought leaders, and it is a great honor for me to be a part of it.

When discussing People of African Descent and human rights, we should pay special attention to the promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedom of Africans and people of African descent against excessive-use-of-force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers.

I think the most basic human right is the right for life. There is a growing chasm between people and law enforcement-officers. The rise in social movements and protests is a clear sign of this crisis of trust .

The voices of people of African descent need to be heard. This Forum is an opportunity to take concerted action.

Dear participants,

We are all born free and equal. We believe that countries can do better in terms of human rights protection. Any country needs to continuously strengthen and improve its human rights work to adapt to the development of the new era and the needs of the people.

We look forward to working with you, thank you!