

Intervention – Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

My name is Kerry McLean. I'm an international human rights lawyer. I'm representing the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the National Lawyers Guild at this meeting.

I'm actually going to present a statement on behalf of Roger Wareham of the December 12th Movement. There are people in this room that know Roger. He's been a part of racial justice advocacy at the UN for more than 20 years. The December 12th Movement International Secretariat and the International Association Against Torture unqualifiedly endorse the statements made by civil society organizations on the Centrality of the DDPA. Without an acknowledgement from the Permanent Forum on the centrality of the DDPA, we are falling into the trap set by the West to destroy and disappear the DDPA by using the Permanent Forum as a Trojan horse. It is clear that this does not have to happen. The statements made during this week extolling the DDPA show that many participants understand what is at stake.