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The German Imperial government through Lieutenant General Lothar von Trotha issued the notorious extermination order (Vernichtungsbefehl), which saw 80% of my Herero and 50% Nama people exterminated from the face of the planet. The remaining percentage surrendered and were placed in concentration camps where majority of them died of diseases, abuse, starvation & exhaustion between 1904-08.

It is a GENOCIDE, as Article II of the Genocide Convention contains a narrow definition of the crime of genocide, which includes two main elements: A mental element & A physical element, which is exactly what happened to Herero and Nama People in Namibia in 1904-1908

It is therefore paramount for the UN to put in place an enabling legislative framework that sets out how a Reparation Fund could be established, managed and controlled. Furthermore, the framework would ensure the rights of Herero and Nama People as primary beneficiaries, due to the scope and magnitude of the material and human losses (value and numbers) to be compensated.

The UN can also establish a Task Force on Reparation to facilitate the formulation of a comprehensive reparation policy and program.

I further thank the EU union for being part of this historic forum, as the pursuit of justice in most of our aspects faces the European Union States.

We appreciate and deeply encourage the United Nations through the body's rapporteurs to engage all actors and governments in following the right path that achieves satisfying results. Results that define justice, human rights, indiscrimination, reparation, guarantees of non-repetition, satisfaction and most importantly, peace.

Thank you.