

# HUMAN RIGHTS IN ERITREA

By: ELL

# Focus Issues



1. Detention Conditions.
2. Property Rights.
3. Co-operation with OHCHR & Mandate Holders.

# Previous Recommendations 1

- “Release or bring before a court all persons detained without a charge and respect international standards in the treatment of detainees.”
- Made by (Germany, Slovenia, Norway, Djibouti, and Australia)

# Situation in Eritrea

- Enforced disappearances, torture, extra judicial executions, and killings.
  - Unlawful arrests, without charges and Trials.
  - Numbers exceeding ten thousand.
  - Prison situations are inhumane and far below international standards.
- ❑ Resource: \* Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea\* A/HRC/38/50

# ELL calls that:

- “Eritrea should improve its prisons conditions, identify the whereabouts of prisoners, and either put them to fair trials or release them immediately.”
- “Allow all concerned international and national human rights organizations access to detention centers.”

# Previous Recommendations 2

- “Take further measures to ensure protection of property rights, pursuant to international standards, including the provisions in articles 14 and 21 of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and article 5 of CERD.”
- Made by: Italy

# Situation In Eritrea

- Land expropriation by State of Eritrea continues in the Eritrean Lowlands in the form of resettlement projects.
- Rightful land owners have been forcibly displaced, and others resettled on their land.
- ❑ Resource: \* Resolution from the African commission for Human and people rights session 62 Niger 2017

# ELL calls that:



- “Land must be returned to its original owners, including the return of displaced owners in refugee camps in Eastern Sudan to their land”



# Previous Recommendations 3

- “Effectively cooperate with OHCHR and the mandate holders of the Human Rights Council, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, and issue a standing invitation to the special procedures mandate holders”
- Made by: (Tunisia, Portugal, Germany, Somalia)

# Situation In Eritrea

- The special Rapporteur had been denied access to Eritrea.
- Lack of cooperation continues to hinder efforts to carry out monitoring and accountability for human rights situations.
- Resource: (1) \* A Catalogue of Human Rights Violations in Eritrea by Centre for Human Rights, PULP  
(2) \*Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea\* A/HRC/38/5

# ELL calls that:

- Eritrea must grant full access to human rights mandate holders & International HR Organisations to Eritrea.
- Eritrea must agree and facilitate for the Human Rights Council to open an office in Eritrea”

# Question to State of Eritrea

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- After the Peace and Friendship Agreement signed between Eritrea and Ethiopia, is it not high time that the Eritrean Government started to make peace with its own people by refraining from all human rights violations and redressing the wrongs that have been so far committed?

# Thank you



ELL extends its sincere thanks to:

- The Work Group Team.
- Government Delegations.
- International Human Rights Organizations.
- Civil Society Organizations.
- All other concerned figures.