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**RE: Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea**

Your Excellency Dr. Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker,

On behalf of Global Yiakl Eritrean Movement (GYEM) I wish to express my appreciation for the diligent and comprehensive account of gross human rights violations in Eritrea covering April 29, 2021 to April 22, 2022, in your report to the Human Rights Council.

Global Yiakl Eritrean Movement (GYEM) is a worldwide umbrella association of eleven national member organizations, a socio-political Eritrean advocacy movement for human rights, freedom, justice, democracy, and rule of law in Eritrea.

Despite the lack of cooperation from the Government of Eritrea, for not allowing you to conduct firsthand information gathering, the report is well researched and renders factual events which has been corroborated by testimonies of the victims who are now residing in diaspora.

We are sure if you were allowed to enter Eritrea, you would have uncovered many atrocities and human rights violation of unprecedented proportions that have been committed on the Eritrean people for the last thirty years by the regime of President Isaias Afwerki. The refusal does not surprise us Eritreans, since the regime knows an investigation from the international community would lead to an indictment in the International Criminal Court for its gross human rights violations.

GYEM calls the UN-HRC and the international community to continue to stand with the people of Eritrea in their struggle for democratic transformation and to isolate the totalitarian Eritrean regime of President Isaias Afwerki.





GYEM welcomes the report On The Situation Of Human Rights In Eritrea and fully support your recommendations therein to the Government of Eritrea, Member States, and International Organizations. Over the past thirty years, President Isaias Afwerki has failed to listen to voices of reason and would continue to commit horrifying human rights violations. Unfortunately, he would also refute the findings and ignore your recommendations.

However, we are confident the Member States and International Organizations will approve your recommendations to keep Eritrea under close scrutiny and to exercise universal jurisdiction over alleged crimes against humanity and grave human rights violations, as well extradite violators in accordance with international laws.

We thank you once again. Our organization and its members are at your disposal for any assistance with further investigation on human rights violations in Eritrea by UN-HRC.

Yours respectfully,

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