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57º período de sesiones  
Tema 19 del programa

SERVICIOS DE ASESORAMIENTO Y COOPERACIÓN TÉCNICA  
EN MATERIA DE DERECHOS HUMANOS

Carta de fecha 24 de abril de 2001 dirigida al Presidente de la Comisión  
de Derechos Humanos por el Representante Permanente de Etiopía  
ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas en Ginebra

Tengo el honor de adjuntar a la presente la posición de la delegación de observación de Etiopía ante la Comisión de Derechos Humanos en su 57º período de sesiones en relación con la declaración hecha por el representante del Movimiento Internacional para la Unión Fraternal entre las Razas y los Pueblos con respecto al tema 19 del programa, titulado "Servicios de asesoramiento y cooperación técnica en materia de derechos humanos".

Le agradeceré tenga a bien hacer distribuir la presente carta y el texto anexo\* como documento oficial del actual período de sesiones de la Comisión en relación con el tema 19 del programa.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterar a Vuestra Excelencia las seguridades de mi consideración más distinguida.

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Embajador  
Representante Permanente

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\* El anexo se reproduce como se presentó, en el idioma original solamente.

Annex

The Ethiopian Delegation has found it necessary to respond to the unbalanced and biased statement by representative of the NGO, namely, International Movement for Fraternal Union Among Races and Peoples, on the recent incidents in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This has been done under the devious cover of the item on Advisory Services and Technical Cooperation in the field of human rights.

The statement to say the least lacks elementary objectivity and is a gross misrepresentation of the facts. Instead of exercising due caution in commenting on a highly complex situation, the representative of the NGO has regrettably chosen to echo the position of certain organisations, in particular those claiming to advance the cause of human rights, on the causes and consequences of the incidents in question.

The recent tragic situation in Addis Ababa was the result of instigation by anti-peace groups and organisations resulting in acts of arson, robbery and total chaos in parts of the city.

Consequently, since the need to maintain peace and security for the public at large was overwhelming, the involvement of the police to pacify the situation was absolutely urgent. Nevertheless, the representative of the NGO in question in apportioning blame for the incidents has conveniently chosen to echo the propaganda of certain organizations in Ethiopia who in all likelihood had a role in inciting the incidents in the first place for their own political objectives.

In any case, coming as it does from the NGO and its representative with their well-known politically motivated positions against the Ethiopian Government, the Ethiopian delegation is not at all surprised by this latest diatribe from the organization.

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