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SERVICES CONSULTATIFS ET COOPÉRATION TECHNIQUE
DANS LE DOMAINE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Lettre datée du 24 avril 2001, adressée au Président de la Commission
des droits de l'homme par le Représentant permanent de l'Éthiopie
auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies à Genève

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire tenir ci-joint le texte de la position de la délégation d'observation de l'Éthiopie à la cinquante-septième session de la Commission des droits de l'homme sur la déclaration faite par le représentant du Mouvement international pour l'Union fraternelle entre les races et les peuples à propos du point 19 de l'ordre du jour intitulé "Services consultatifs et coopération technique dans le domaine des droits de l'homme".

Je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir faire distribuer le texte de la présente lettre et de son annexe* comme document officiel de la Commission à sa session en cours, au titre du point 19 de l'ordre du jour.

L'Ambassadeur,
Représentant permanent
(*Signé*) Fisseha **Yimer**

* Reproduite telle quelle, dans la langue originale seulement.

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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