

Freedom Front, South Africa on Item VI

Thank you Madam Chair.

Andrej Furik is my name and I represent smaller party, the Freedom Front in South Africa promoting the minority rights for the Afrikaan minority. Since yesterday Madam Chair, I've been delighted listening to the passionate and committed pronouncements about universal minority issues. Yet since 1994 in South Africa such internationally excepted terminologies are frequently used, confirmed and promoted since yesterday, like diversity, identity, ethnicity, group community and minority rights are frowned upon and, in fact, regarded as not politically correct, and harshly relegated to racism and even Apartheid talk by both our Government and our official opposition.

The challenges and the problems that we experience is at very little if any of the implementation of this noble Declaration is experienced.

Therefore Madam Chair I am sincerely of the belief that after these two days of raising awareness and acknowledging examples of implementation obstacles will lead us here today to formulate practical action programs in many countries paying only lip service to minority issues. Therefore, our request, and that is why we're here at this Forum is for this Forum to recognize the Afrikaan people in South Africa forms a minority within its diverse society.

Secondly, that the negotiated 1996 Constitution based purely on individual democratic principles and value politics unfortunately does not accommodate the need for the protection of minority rights especially in relation to political participation.

And to take note Madam Chair, that although provisions for recognition related to minority issues is made in sections 31 and 185 and 235 of our Constitution the Afrikaans are constantly subjected to blatant discrimination.

Time limits detail, but we are subjected to by number of examples. Stringed affirmative action programs in the labour field, stringed tertiary education admissions policies, and also in the sport field.

Racially based black economic empowerment when it comes to tender processes and the functioning of the business sector. Constant attempts to minimise of our Afrikaans language at all levels. Disrespect for our culture and historic heritage notwithstanding the massive contribution made over 350 years to build the country to what it is today. Restriction on the participation in political decision making processes where only limited proportional representation is retained.

And lastly Madam Speaker, so tragically no real action to stem the continuous brutal attacks and murders on over 3000... *interrupted*.