

World Barua Organization on Item VI

Yes, madam President,

The historic Declaration on the Rights of the Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities in [...] by member states of the UN. Is clear profound and conceptually outlaws [...] to empower the minorities around the world to defend their rights. However after this adoption now for more than 20 years this remains the biggest challenge and obstacle faced by the religious minorities as we consider the future opportunities and possibilities to enjoying the Declaration practical implementation, we cannot forget the obstacles faced by the minority communities who are at risk. Some of the evidence that we would like to bring the attention to at this Minority Forum is about the proposed destruction of [...] the ancient Buddhist place, which is located about 400 kilometres from Kabul. The Afghan government has granted construction to the China Metallurgical Group Corporation to mine copper in this city. [interrupted by the Chair]

30 years of armed conflict in Afghanistan suffered a loss of desecration of thousands of objects and hundreds of sited such as the city of ai-Khanum and Bamyan. The site was eventually relisted to the site to become protected but too late. Further, the heritage of Afghanistan is once again faced with violations and impeding loss this time in the case of [...] of [Mesanya]. [Mesanya] is a Barua cultural heritage denoting human and [...] development. We believe that while economical development through the mining of precious minerals is necessary, however, the justification of the Afghan government cannot be just because of additional [flaws] and excuses for further destruction of already weakened heritage. [interrupted by the Chair].

We would like to bring attention of this minority rights forum is about the proposed destruction of [Mesanya] the ancient Buddhist place, which is located about 400 kilometres from Kabul. The government of Afghanistan has granted the construction to the China Metallurgical Group Corporation to mine copper in the city of [Mesanya] which is commencing in December 2012 in spite of a strong opposition from many Buddhist minorities from all around the world, including the archaeologists and the conservatives. Thank you.