

Forum on Minority Issues

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"Prevention of violence and brutal crimes, especially against minorities"

Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of Rights: The Minority of Haratine.

Under item 4.

Intervention:

The man Omar Abelil, speaking on behalf of the Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of Non-Governmental Rights.

Greetings Mr. President / Ladies and Gentlemen

I have the honor to thank the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, in particular, Fellowship Program for Minorities for providing the opportunity to participate in this international forum, as well as for raising our voice in the Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of Non-Governmental Rights .

First, I have to point out that the "Harthin" faction is not a numerical minority, but rather a non-dominant majority of the Mauritanian Islamic Republic; it exceeds 50% of the total population of the country. According to the "Charter of Harthin" February 2013.

If it is permissible to launch an expression "minority" on This wide-spread component of the rural and countryside communities of Mauritania , They are considered the optimal victim of racial discrimination, slavery and modern slavery.

Based on the Charter of the United Nations ratified by Mauritania, slavery has been criminalized as a common practice in Mauritania's countryside and rural communities. In 2012, its practice was defined as a crime against humanity. Which gave us impetus in the Mauritanian Association for the promotion of rights through seminars and dialogues for such a global transformation, which represents an important change for us as a segment still suffering exclusion and enslavement.

For our part, the Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of Rights has recorded a number of Outstanding , practices for the Mauritanian government, including the adoption of plans to combat slavery and a number of decisions and policies that appear to be positive But did not apply in practice to the lives of the victims. Where about 19 human rights activists were arrested for standing against real slavery that continues to shackle the victims of this segment. Decades ago

Which was contrary to the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to Minorities.

Our recommendations are focused on the fourth item on the prevention of violence and terrible crimes. We propose that Recommendation No. 14 be reformulated as follows:

- 1- States shall immediately enforce national legislation to eliminate discrimination on the basis of national origin; ethnic and religious origin; language and to punish the offenders.

States are required to effectively involve minority representatives in the development, planning, implementation and evaluation of development policies and programs; including the context of the post-2015 development plan as a means of promoting good governance and reducing inequities and inequalities.

We also propose that Recommendation No. 39 be reformulated as follows:

- 2- International and regional organizations should increase their technical support and assistance to a State with a good record of minority protection; in accordance with United Nations charters; These organizations are expected to bring justice, prevent armed conflict and train staff and law enforcement agencies Based on its human rights record; It should support close diplomatic relations with States in order to promote such technical assistance in advance and implementation.

Thank you very much and peace be upon you