

## **TAU South Africa:**

Mr Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to have a little conversation with you after yesterday's proceedings, and with this proposal we try to strengthen your hands.

We as a farming union, representing mainly the Afrikaner farmers, who are a minority within the Afrikaner minority in South Africa, have some problems, of which the farm murders is only one. From January 1 this year, 62 more farmers have been murdered than we told you last year. Zimbabwean style illegal possession of land has started in South Africa, with radical majority groups who openly incite people to take land, and a government who is keeping silent on this. Majority group students burn down universities so that we as a minority are deprived of sending our children for a good higher education. I am not going to say more about this and I support the submissions made by the other South African minority organisations earlier today.

We come to this forum because our government does not comply with its own constitution regarding minorities. The South African government is perhaps the only government in the world that is imposing new race based laws to protect the majority against a minority.

I suppose this is the problem with all the minorities who are represented here. We would not be here if we would get a listening ear from our governments.

I experienced some frustration by minorities during the proceedings as we experienced how several governments' delegations deliberately tried to get minority groups silenced. More than three minutes at a time has been wasted by points of order. However, I would thank you as chairman to let all those minority groups finishing their statements. I also want to thank the delegates of Austria, America, Britain, Ireland, Switzerland and others who defended minorities' right of speech.

In order to become perhaps even more efficient, we would like to make the following 5 small transformation proposals to consider for future Minority Forum meetings:

1. Make it a three day event, with two more discussion items.
2. The first two days stay as is, but no order motions are allowed.
3. The first extra session on the third day, is only for government delegates, where they can respond if they want.
4. The second extra session on the third day is for minorities who want to reply to submissions of government delegates.
5. Give minority groups also the opportunity to file order motions, for when we are accused of being terrorist organisations who hi-jack the forum

Minority groups are in need for solutions on their rights. Just to attend a forum for some dialogue which leads to nothing is not worth the time and money to attend this forum.