Honorable audience,

The citizens of Kabylie are becoming more and more victim to a new form of repression, racism, and discrimination.

The Algerian regime targets the freedom and dignity of militant Kabylian citizens and sympathizers of the Kabylian cause by confiscating their passports, identity cards, and even their civil status documents.

Since 2015, Algeria has been in the process of creating a new social class of Kabyle people made up of stateless people, deprived of their identities, travel documents, professions, and higher education, and, as a result, of their physical and moral existence.

This violation affects Kabylians both in Kabylie as well as abroad. These Kabylian victims go from having a regular existence one day to a situation of having an irregular existence the next day.

Statelessness if the new weapon used by the Algerian regime to punish Kabylia and its people in order to put an end the spirit of independence that is gaining territory in Kabylie.

We have alerted the international community. We will send documentation to the Minority Forum on the extent of this violation of the Algerian regime against Kabylie.

We solicit you to put pressure on the Algerian regime and to immediately stop these out-of-date practices.

Many Kabylian citizens are fleeing Algeria, and once they are abroad, they ask the provisional government of Kabylie in exile to assist them in settling down as refugees in their new host countries.

With this policy of statelessness, the Algerian regime is creating more and more disorder and tragedy in Kabylian society.

This is just one problem out of the thousands of equally serious problems that the Algerian regime is subjecting upon Kabylie. Given this situation, Kabylia aspires for independence, and is sending an SOS to the international community to protect it and assist it with exercising its right to self-determination. Why not send a UN mission to Kabylie so that it can see for itself the drama that is playing out there.

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