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The President

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H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary General
The United Nations
New York

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

For the past ten years or so, Eritrea has remained to be a target of malicious and concerted practices of “human trafficking”. This despicable ploy was unleashed in tandem with the decision to block the implementation of the “final and binding” arbitral decision of the border dispute, and, is part and parcel of the war declared against the country. This crime, which is unparalleled in its magnitude, complex organization as well as the immense suffering that it inculcates on its victims, continues to increase from bad to worse.

The architects of this scourge have further resorted to various schemes, under suitable labels, to conceal and disguise the crime as well as their real identity. Indeed, the latter machinations are not less – in intensity and impact – than the original crime.

As Your Excellency will agree with me, the Government of Eritrea has statutory obligations, as well as universal morale and humanitarian responsibilities, to stem and eliminate the perpetration of the hideous “slavery” and flagrant violation of human rights meted on its citizens. In the event, the Government of Eritrea emphatically requests the UN to launch an independent and transparent investigation of this abominable affair so as to bring to justice the culpable parties.

Sincerely

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