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United States President
Mr Donald J Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Dear Sir,

IRHRI appreciates US efforts against conflicts and political manipulation in Great Lakes Region

Greetings from Mr Greg Smith Heavens, the Visionary Founder of International Relief and Human Rights Initiative (IRHRI).

IRHRI is a United States based Non-Governmental Organization, established and registered in 2014 under UBI Number 603-609-734 under the Washington Non-profit Corporation Act, Revised Code of Washington Chapter 24.03; with Head Offices in Spokane, Washington. We already have programs running in East Africa and the entire Great Lakes Region of Africa.

Some of our programs in the Great Lakes Region of Africa include; human rights protection, creating sustainable peace and security, research and evidence-based advocacy, legal aid and livelihood and economic empowerment, among others.

Our core value is to benefit communities by focusing on, and ensuring that the human rights of all groups of people are respected and defended.

In this regard, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you and your office for keeping peace in the United States as well as other parts of the world, mostly in the violence-hit Great Lakes Region of Africa (Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda).

IRHRI congratulates the US position on Rwandan genocide taken through the US representative to the UN, and appreciates the much efforts the United States has put in to support Rwanda before and after the genocide.

However, some security and human rights issues still need to be tackled. Previous government made mistakes in that region, for instance; war crimes and crimes against humanity, were committed in Democratic Republic of Congo in 1990s.

Regrettably, the UN Mapping Report on war crimes and crimes against humanity during Obama's administration was blocked, which was a blow to the restoration of peace and security in the region.

26 years have passed since Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) led by President Paul Kagame took power in the aftermath of Rwandan genocide which claimed many lives.

The genocide which was caused by the assassination of Hutu President Juvénal Habyarimana, claimed lives of more than 800,000 Tutsis and a moderate number of Hutus. Men, women, and children were beaten, hacked or shot to death in a 100-day killing spree. The victims met their deaths on the streets, in their homes and even in churches and schools where they had sought refuge.

The 1994 Rwanda genocide touches hearts of many people including those that do not have any direct attachments to Rwanda and/or its citizen, and no one would want to see such atrocities happening again anywhere in the world.

Rwandan people are still in living in darkness as no single truth has ever been revealed over who crashed the plane which Habyarimana was in. Many movies have been played about the same, but that part has always been ignored leaving people in confusion. Former US president Bill Clinton was in good position to tell the world about what happened in between 1990's and 1994 in Rwanda, but he did not.

IRHRI requests you Mr President to authorize the reputable US security services to tell the story about what happened in Rwanda such that the light can be shown to many Rwandans and those from other countries all over the world who lost their relatives and friends in Rwanda.

Some Americans were killed by RPF in 1999 in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park trying to manipulate United States government to put all those terrorism crimes to Hutus in addition to the genocide crimes. These two American citizens have never had justice to date. We thank the US government for its position on this and refusing to be politically manipulated by the RPF.

RPF still uses genocide as a political weapon against its opponents most of whom are the Hutus. Many of the political activists who happen to raise their voices to talk about the genocide and its aftermath, have been tortured and others have met their deaths in detention centers.

More so, the Tutsis who refuse to continue using genocide as a political weapon to torture opponents, have also not been spared of torture and detention, which has caused many political exiles in Rwanda.

Take an example of Kizito Mihigo, a devoted Tutsi who spent most of his life teaching peace and reconciliation, died mysteriously in police detention this year after allegedly talking about genocide.

Many exiled Rwandans have been hunted down and killed by the RPF forces, according to reports by State department and Tom Lantuse Human Rights Commission, but nothing has been done.

We are confident that with your authorization, the US security services will tell the world the truth, which many people including historians want to know.

We also request you Mr President to use the US position in United Nations to encourage other UN member states to consider this UN Mapping Report.

IRHRI recognizes Tutsis and Hutus who were killed during and after genocide. We do not condone such inhuman acts and that's why we are in place to work with other human rights bodies and activists to ensure that no human faces such cruelties again.

IRHRI remains committed to protect the vulnerable, prevent mass atrocities, and respect the inherent dignity of every human being.

We thank you for your diligent leadership in the US and all over the world, which is always aimed at making people live happily and peacefully.

Thanks a bunch

Yours faithfully,



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