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**Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related
forms of intolerance, follow-up and implementation
of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Crime against Humanity committed against Indigenous People of African Descent in the United States of America (America)

Edfu Foundation Inc. works towards the betterment of humanity. When describing our community and situation we will use the term Indigenous People of African Descent in America, but you may be more familiar with the term black. However, Science confirms all humans come from Africa and all humans have melanin in varying degrees meaning we are all brown. We at Edfu firmly stand on the tenant that there is only one human race. There are 55 million people of African descent in Brazil: 42 million African Americans in the United States of America, along with 783 thousand in Canada and 41 million in the Caribbean. Of the over 100 million of these people a significant portion of them identify as indigenous peoples. With varying languages and traditions they have retained social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live and have done so despite the kidnapping, forced migration, forced assimilation and violence of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

Since the doctrine of discovery, the global economy has benefited from indigenous resources and labor. The enlightenment and circumstances that brought an end to the transatlantic slave trade and freedom of those kidnapped and displaced indigenous peoples did not correct the evil. It morphed it into a more sophisticated system of inequality. More must be done to make the victims whole. I say victims because the descendants of those kidnapped, displaced and violated indigenous peoples still reel from the effect's centuries later. Just as the global economy still benefits from their resources and labor.

Genocide, according to Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

Article II In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

Killing members of the group; 1,944 indigenous people of African descent were killed by police in America from 2013-2019 which equals 42 per million people. If we add in our LatinX and Native American Brothers and sisters who are often also indigenous people of African descent that number increases to 3,391 that 84 people per million. 99% of killings by police from 2013-2019 have not resulted in officers being charged with a crime

Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; in Los Angeles in 1992 2,383 Indigenous People of African descent were injured (221 critically) by police.

Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; 2,306 per 100,000 indigenous people of African descent were incarcerated in 2010. Again, if we add in our LatinX and Native American Brothers and sisters who are often also indigenous people of African descent that number increases to 3,137 per 100,00. Though Indigenous People of African Descent and LatinX people make up approximately 32% of the USA population, they comprised 56% of all incarcerated people in 2015.

Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; in 2017 69 infants died per 1000 amongst Indigenous People of African descent. Our infants are 3.8 times as likely to die from complications related to low birthweight as compared to the rest of the population. Our mothers were 2.3 times more likely to receive late or no prenatal care.

Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group. In 2016 there were an estimated 437,465 children in foster care of those 56 percent where Indigenous People of African descent in America.

This amounts to an apartheid and genocidal situation that requires urgent attention and action. When in 2020 a young man, Ahmaud Arbery is hunted down while jogging and shot dead by former police, when a young women, Breonna Taylor is sitting in her own home and shot dead by police and when 4 police officers hold a man, George Floyd down and torture and kill him in cold blood while smirking on camera we call this genocide. It is time for the

United Nations, The Human Rights Commission and all member states to act. While your words and statements of support, and outrage at what has happened is appreciated. It falls short of actually fulfilling the role and responsibility that is set forth in your charter and mandate. According to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action it states “that racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance constitute a negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,” The Declaration goes on to state “national and international actions are required to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia,” and that “Fully aware... racial discrimination, xenophobia... must be combated by all available and appropriate means and as a matter of the highest priority, preferably in cooperation with affected communities.” Well Edfu Foundation as a representative and advocate for the Indigenous People of African descent in America implore you to act and support our community now. We call on you to convene a Recognition, Reparation and Reconciliation Council and plan of action to address the atrocities, genocide.

These crimes against humanity started with the slave trade which you also acknowledge in The Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. The plan of action should include your support to charge people who take and have taken part in this genocide in the International Criminal Court. Support our community with resources for a legal defense fund, capacity building grants, education, physical and mental health resources and opportunities to address this public health issue of racism. There should be no mistake about what is going on in the United States of America, and this is your opportunity to help solve the problem before all the world is drawn into more chaos.

We are well aware of how this continued pattern of terror, xenophobia, genocide and imperialism has festered and lived on even now in the 21st century. This results in intergenerational trauma and Post Traumatic Stress. This violence is a serious public health issue that needs to be addressed, given greater attention and finally resolved.

Intergenerational trauma is the transmission of historical oppression and its negative consequences across generations. Centuries of genocide, forced enslavement, and assimilation followed by systemic and structural violence, racism and oppression have resulted in intergenerational maladaptive behaviors, which originated as survival strategies. {However, the syndrome continues because children whose parents suffer from intergenerational trauma are often indoctrinated into the same behaviors, long after the behaviors have lost their contextual effectiveness.} This sickness effects the perpetrators as we as the victims.

Understanding that your authority is limited to physically stop the genocide at this time we call on you to do adhere to The Durban Declaration and Programme of Action by “Urging States and encourages the private sector and international financial and development institutions, such as the World Bank and regional development banks,... international financial and development institutions and the operational programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations to give greater priority to, and allocate appropriate funding for, programmes addressing the development challenges of the affected States and societies. With the logistical and financial resources and support Edfu Foundation Inc. and the Indigenous People of African Descent in America can address and alleviate the pain and suffering that our community has been enduring for hundreds of years and to begin to solve these issues in a long lasting way that benefits humanity.
