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The Need for Justice and Accountability for Atrocities in Ethiopia

The IBA's Human Rights Institute (the IBAHRI) welcomes this opportunity to engage in the interactive dialogue with the Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia.

The IBAHRI welcomes the report of the Commission of Human Experts on Ethiopia. The IBAHRI is highly concerned about the findings of war crimes and atrocity crimes in Ethiopia, and especially, the use of conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) by a litany of perpetrators. All cases of CRSV must be investigated and the perpetrators brought to justice. Furthermore, survivors must be provided with comprehensive assistance.

The IBAHRI further appreciates raising the issue of the presence of several indicators and triggers contained in the 2014 UN Framework for Analysis of Atrocity Crimes, including indicators which reflect profound polarisation and hatred along ethnic lines in Ethiopia. It is crucial to ensure that a detailed analysis of these indicators and risk factors is conducted as a matter of urgency, and especially of the serious risk of genocide against ethnic communities, to trigger the duty to prevent genocide in Article I of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

The IBAHRI calls upon:

- the Ethiopian government to ensure that all cases of CRSV are duly investigated and perpetrators brought to justice.
- States to work together to provide assistance to all survivors of CRSV;
- the Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia to conduct a detailed analysis of the indicators and risk factors in line with the 2014 UN Framework for Analysis of Atrocity Crime, and especially, of the serious risk of genocide.

Thank you.

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