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Office of the Secretary General  
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Dear Mr Guterres,

Re The state of Nigeria

The reason we are writing to you is to draw your attention to the ongoing problems in Nigeria. Nigeria, the most populous country of the entire black race, has been in the limelight of negative news for so many years now. There are copious evidential proofs (at home and abroad) of certain individual Nigerians making giant strides as well as causing ripples of enviable progress in their respective vocations and careers. But the fact remains that such news of positive encouragements are usually eclipsed by malevolent ones on the malfeasance of some other Nigerians and successive governments.

Recent as well as current events and happenings in the country have been most disheartening to say the least. Of all these, the incessant case of Fulani herdsmen slaughtering defenseless innocent citizens across the middle belt of Nigeria is the most frightening, more so because of the apathy of the current government in handling the obnoxious situation. That the government of the day in Nigeria has been wholly flatfooted in dealing with serious issue of what could be arguably perceived as a systematic act of genocide is an understatement. In Benue, Plateau, Taraba, Adamawa and Zamfara states ruthless killings of children, pregnant women and people of all ages have been going on unabated; worse still unreported in mainstream media organisations. And in spite of these largescale killings going on, the Federal Government of Nigeria has not deemed it necessary to issue any official statement. At the times that mass burials of butchered citizens of Benue and Plateau States took place, there was no official representative from the federal government.

Despite the gravity of the ongoing atrocities, the international community and its relevant agencies seem uninterested in the problem. We of International Advocacy for Human Rights and Anti-Corruption (IAHRAC) are dismayed that the International Community has not attempted to discuss the issue let alone proffer solutions. It is on this note that we of IAHRAC have decided to bring the matter to the attention of the International Community, simply because we believe issues of this seriousness should be carefully and swiftly attended to before they spiral out of control. All countries in the world have their fair share of problems, which are common to all nations. What is uncommon in the issue we are highlighting is the fact that a particular group seems bent on decimating other groups within a particular geographical location – the middle belt. At the moment, there are thousands of internally

displaced people who have become refugees in their home country, while others have fled Nigeria all together. Many are living in terror, not knowing what would happen in the next minute.

In the interest and for the sake of humanity, we of IAHRAC strongly appeal to you to pay the long overdue attention to what is happening in Nigeria. We would want to remind the International Community of the tragic occurrences in Rwanda twenty-four years ago; and later in the former Yugoslavia. We are of the opinion that humans should be able to learn from history.

Therefore, we appeal to you to use your good offices to intervene in the ongoing events in Nigeria vis a vis the killings of innocent citizens.

We look forward to your favourable response to this letter.

Sincerely yours

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