



We seek international recognition of the lingering effects of slavery on Afrodescendant peoples in North, Central and South America, the Caribbean and the Slavery Diaspora. We urge the United Nations and all peoples to assist Afrodescendants in their efforts to be restored, and to obtain reparations.

AFRODESCENDANT SEMINARS

Dear Human Rights Supporter,

In March of 2004, AFRE, under the direction of Mr. Silis Muhammad, pledged to contribute \$30,000 to the UN Annual Appeal, Minorities Project. The contribution will allow the Minorities Project to provide a long-awaited Regional Seminar for Afrodescendants. We are writing to you in the hope that you will help Mr. Muhammad and AFRE fulfil this pledge.

The Afrodescendant Seminars are bringing together Black leaders from as many countries as possible in North, Central and South America under the umbrella of the United Nations. The UN Working Group on Minorities is organizing these Seminars in order to help the descendants of Africans, enslaved in the wilderness of the Americas, unify for the purpose of reconstruction of their identity. Afrodescendants are asking the international community to help in their restoration by granting official UN recognition and collective human rights as defined by international law.

For the past eight years the UN Working Group on Minorities has been steadily advancing the cause of Afrodescendants within the UN. This year they have informed us that the funds are not available to hold a seminar that has been planned and anticipated for two years. AFRE has realized that we must assist the UN in its effort to help Afrodescendants by raising money to contribute to the long awaited Regional Seminar.

The deadline for all funds to be deposited in the UN account is August 1, 2004. As you read this letter, no doubt you can feel the urgency. Mr. Muhammad and AFRE ask that you make your tax deductible contribution today, while it is on your mind. Checks and money orders should be sent to War Chest/Brazil, P.O. Box 57048, Atlanta, Georgia 30343. You can also use the AFRE website to contribute by credit card.

The Process of Regaining Afrodescendant Human Rights

As of April, 2004, AFRE has delivered approximately 40 written and oral statements to the United Nations on behalf of Afrodescendants. Below are some of the highlights.

1994:

The historic *Petition on behalf of African-Americans under Communications Procedure 1503* is delivered to the UN. It reaches the attention of the Commission on Human Rights in 1998.

May 1998:

AFRE is invited to attend and participate in the UN Working Group on Minorities. The AFRE delegate tells the experts that the lingering effects of slavery have utterly destroyed the original language, culture and religion of so-called African Americans, and these things are supposed to be the human rights of Minorities. The experts agree and begin to look for way to recognize so-called African Americans. AFRE sees that legal standing (official recognition) must be achieved at the UN in order to apply a international law which the U.S. has ratified.

September 2001:

AFRE attends the UN World Conference Against Racism and the organization's CEO, Mr. Silis Muhammad, is able to speak at the plenary session. He asks for a forum for African Americans.

March 2002:

The UN provides the forum by organizing a seminar in La Ceiba, Honduras. AFRE attends the Seminar. AFRE delegates meet with Black people representing 19 countries. AFRE recommends that the group decide upon a name that the UN can use in recognizing them officially. Eventually the group decides upon the name Afrodescendants, which had been accepted by the Black Caucus at the World Conference.

August 2003:

AFRE has now delivered 34 statements to the UN and progress is visible. AFRE delegates inform the public that the Working Group on Minorities has decided to place Afrodescendant Minorities on its agenda for 2004. Afrodescendants are now recognized by one UN body and the effort to gain further recognition intensifies.

March 2004:

A second Regional Seminar for Afrodescendants in planned for Brazil. AFRE is informed that there is need for funding of the UN Minorities Project in order for the Brazil Seminar to take place. AFRE CEO pledges \$30,000 on behalf of the organization.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The term "Afrodescendants" refers to peoples who 1) were forcibly dispossessed of their homeland, Africa; 2) were transported to the Americas and Slavery Diaspora for the purpose of enslavement; 3) were subjected to slavery; 4) were subjected to forced mixed breeding and rape; 5) have experienced, through force, the loss of mother tongue, culture and religion; 6) and/or have experienced racial discrimination due to lost ties or partially lost ties from their original identity.

The Afrodescendant Seminar in Brazil has been planned by the Working Group on Minorities to follow up on a previous successful seminar held in La Ceiba, Honduras. There have been four seminars organized by the Working Group on Minorities to date. They have brought together representatives of Afrodescendant groups from as many countries as possible in North, Central and South America and the Slavery Diaspora.

AFRE will make records of its transactions available to contributors at their request. Contributions to War Chest/Brazil are tax deductible, accepted by check, money order and credit card. Credit card contributions can be made through the AFRE website at www.AllForReparations.org.

More information is available. Information on *All For Reparations and Emancipation* (AFRE) can be found at www.AllForReparations.org. The AFRE statements to the UN are published on the website, as well as documents from the UN. Information on the *Working Group on Minorities* can be found at www.unhchr.ch/minorities. On this website you can read documents written by the human rights experts as well as statements from Minority groups.

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