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RE: Cultural and Human Rights Violations on the Maasai People
by Tanzanian Government and involuntary ineptitude of UNESCO and the African Union.

Whereas;

The ICC, UN, and UNESCO all recognize the preservation of cultural property as a means to protect the human rights of those peoples associated with its creation. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization **UNESCO** is a specialized agency of the United Nations **designed to promote World Peace and has FAILED** in stopping this **deadly invasion.**

Whereas;

On June 8, 2022 dozens of police vehicles and an estimated 700 officers arrived in Loliondo, N. Tanzania, near the World-Famous Serengeti National Park, to demarcate a 1,500 km² area of Maasai land as a Game Reserve for the United Arab Emirates (UAE)-based Otterlo Business Company (OBC) – which runs hunting excursions for the country's royal family and their guests in an attempt to control commercial hunting in the area.

Whereas;

On June 10, 2022 police fired on the Maasai people protesting at efforts to evict them. At least 18 men and 13 women were shot, and 13 wounded with machetes. One person is confirmed dead.

Whereas;

The Royal and Historical Maasai tribe originated in the lower Nile Valley. They began migrating south in the 15th century and arrived in the long trunk of land stretching across central Tanzania and Northern Kenya during the 17th and 18th century.

Whereas;

The Tanzanian government is refusing to treat the injured and many people are without their own source and traditional food.

Whereas;

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (**OHCHR**) states that an individual's economic, cultural, and social rights can be violated through various means. Violations occur when a State fails in its obligations to respect, protect and fulfill these rights. *see attachment* <https://www.ohchr.org/en/human-rights/economic-social-cultural-rights>

Whereas;

Tanzania is covered by the **OHCHR East Africa Regional Office (EARO)**. The office supports the **African Union** in strengthening its institutional capacity to deliver on the human rights dimension of its work. *see attachment* <https://www.ohchr.org/en/countries/tanzania>

Whereas;

United Republic of Tanzania signed with the **African Union** May 25th, 1963.

Whereas;

AFRICAN (BANJUL) CHARTER ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS (Adopted 27 June 1981, OAU Doc. CAB/LEG/67/3 rev. 5, 21 I.L.M. 58 (1982), entered into force 21 October 1986) The African States members of the Organization of African Unity, parties to the present convention entitled "African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights", *see attachment* <https://www.achpr.org/legalinstruments/detail?id=49>

Whereas;

Tanzania's policies and laws in support of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) states that In order to safeguard and support the world's agricultural heritage systems, in 2002, FAO (Food Administration Organization) started an initiative for conservation and adaptive management of (GIAHS) Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems and has been serving as a managerial system that was not voted in by The Maasai Tribe yet have self proclaimed themselves as a "significant part of the local economy" to study and essentially become the "management" of their social and cultural identity.

See Attachment

<https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/31ad8178-8218-4039-9cd6-017d4bb5c399/>

Whereas;

An **EMERGENCY INVESTIGATION** should be opened into the **FAO** (Food and Agricultural Organization) that started the initiative in 2002 with the aim to gain "international recognition", support "dynamic conservation" and "adaptive management" of **GIAHS** (Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems).

Whereas;

In 2008 The **FAO** initiated the project in Kenya and Tanzania: "Supporting Food Security and Reducing Poverty in Kenya and Tanzania through Dynamic Conservation of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems". A.K.A. The **GIAHS** approach recognizes the **crucial importance** of the well being of family farming communities, while directing activities towards sustainable agriculture and rural development.

Whereas;

An **EMERGENCY INVESTIGATION** should be opened into the **GIAHS** for their systems that claim to be locally significant for household food security, food sovereignty and for violations of indigenous rights, explicit consent, police brutality, economic, cultural and social rights as well as eviction and human rights violations. *see attachment* <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/31ad8178-8218-4039-9cd6-017d4bb5c399/>

Whereas;

An **EMERGENCY INVESTIGATION** should be opened into the **African Union** by **OHCHR** (The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) for failure to protect the Indigenous rights, Historical Rights, Cultural, Traditional and Sovereign Rights of the Royal Historical Maasai Tribe and The **UN** should carefully consider the African Union's institutional capacity to deliver on the human rights dimension of their work.

Whereas;

The Royal Historical Maasai traditions begin with learning the responsibilities of being a man (holder) and a warrior. The role of a warrior is to protect their animals from human and animal predators, to build kraals (Maasai homes) and to provide security to their families.

Resolution;

Immediate relief to the preference of the Maasai Council of Elders, **EMERGENCY RESTITUTION** and measures must be taken to enforce the security, the stability and preservation of the Maasai Tribe and cultural property directly to The Maasai People and The Council of Elders in Narok County. Communication and traditional respect must be restored and established with The Council of Elders due to the breach of trust in the Tanzanian Government and court system. Additionally in 2021, the Maasai Tribe requested funding to operate their office from the Tanzanian Government and did not receive a reply, hence this unlawful, violent invasion was the response to a request for assistance.

June 30, 1936 at the headquarters of the League of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

“We believe in cooperation and collaboration to promote the cause of international security, the equality of man and the welfare of mankind. We believe in the peaceful settlement of all disputes without resorting to force.” ~ His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I

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