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IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE BENEFICENT THE MOST MERCIFUL.

We glorify the almighty Allah for affording us this wonderful opportunity in which we are once again committing our thoughts and actions to serving Humanity by bridging the gaps existed for some times dividing Sons and Daughters of Eve and Adam on Religious grounds.

Mr Chair dear Brothers and Sisters, all protocol observed, Assalam alaykum, may Peace be with you.

The Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue by considering ***HUMAN SOLIDARITY*** as the theme for the seventh Doha Interfaith Dialogue Conference, the Center has pressed on humanity's pain.

Today more than ever before we do need one another for our daily survival, the rich man is in need of a poor who might be a very serious threat to peace, security and stability, instead of living life under the protection of a gun, cant we share the bounty of ALLAH, remember the gun sometimes is your family destructive.

Human Solidarity is cemented in all holly Books, we Muslim's Holly Koran cautions us about severe punishment if at all we ignore any poor. Allah says in the Holy Koran chapter 29 verse 42-43:

(WHAT HAS CAUSED YOU TO ENTER HELL? THEY WILL SAY WE WERE NOT OF THOSE WHO OFFER PRAYERS, AND WE WERE NOT OF THOSE WHO FEED THE NEEDY).

Human Solidarity is the answer to global warming, climate challenges, child trafficking, child pornographies, HIV AIDS and all other crises. Human solidarity is do or die, non is allowed to compromise the future of the GLOBE, a clean globe safe for our grand and great children, commit to Human Solidarity if not for you, let it be for you lovely daughter and son.

Remember one day you won't be here, but Humanity will always remember you for what you have done, not what you have destroyed, for what you have protected not for what you have polluted , for how many souls you have saved not for how many you have slaughtered.

Angels in the Heaven, Human on earth, Fishes in the seas and birds in the sky, will certainly pray or cuss you, therefore choose where you need to be, and your choice has to be made yesterday.

The formation of the International World Body was in itself the answer to the sufferings of Humanity after World War II, but right from 1945 to date we are still facing wars and disasters, (*the achieving of world peace*) as one of the pillars of UN structure is still being challenged by Wars in different parts of the Globe, Disasters are still claiming innocent lives, and most of all cases the vulnerable is the one you don't want to think about, imagine if it was you, Human Solidarity is MUST.

It's possible to get together, it's possible to put food on everybody's table, we only need to bridge the gap between those who have seas and trees, and those who have waves and leafs, bridge the gap, otherwise the needy will build ghettos on the sea, and use it as toilets and bathrooms, will destroy the amazons and all trees for their energie, at the end will get into your fridges without your permission, as result all Daughters and Sons of Eve and Adam will suffer, some towns will be destroyed by Tsunami others by Catherina others by the Global warming.

There's a hope, throughout the history Human being has been all the times trying to save Humanity after Challenges, and Human Experience in facing wars and Disasters has been recorded as GREAT, examples are countless,

Mr Chair allow me to fly with you and land in the Great lakes Region to discover The Rwandese experience in facing Wars and Disasters, in Rwanda Mr Chair it wasn't War it was Genocide, another Human failure in protecting Humanity Through Human Solidarity.

The Republic of Rwanda is a small landlocked country in the Great Lakes Region of East Central Africa, a small Sandwich squeezed by Uganda, Burundi, the big Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania, very small still home of ten million people, and the last few families of Mountains Gorillas.

Colonial are.

After signing treaties with chiefs in the Tanganyika region in 1884-1885, Germany claimed Tanganyika, Rwanda and Burundi as its own territory, COUNT VON GOTZEN met the Mwami King of Rwanda for the first time in 1894, however with only 2500 soldiers in East Africa, Germany did little to change our communities more especially in Rwanda. After the death of the King of Rwanda 1895 the period of unrest followed, Germans and Missionaries began to enter our country freely from Tanganyika.

In 1916 during World War I Belgium forces advanced from the Congo into Germany's East African Colonies. After Germany lost the war, Belgium accepted the League of Nations mandate of 1923 to govern Ruanda-Urundi along with the Congo.

In 1933 Ethnic identification cards were introduced by colonizers to classify one's ethnicity, also introduced the class system, whoever had certain amount of cattle becomes a Tutsis, and who has less considered to be a Hutu.

The Roman Catholic Church and Belgium Colonial authorities considered the HUTUS and TUTSIS different ethnic races based on their physical differences and patterns of migration. The Roman Catholic Church, the primary educators in the country, subscribed to and reinforced the differences between HUTUS and TUTSIS; they developed separate educational systems for each.

In the 1950s and early 60s a wave of Pan-Africanism swept through central AFRICA with leaders such as Julius NYERERE in Tanzania and Patrice Lumumba in the Congo, all leading the Anti-Colonial holly spirit. Instead for Rwanda the Hutu advocates in the Catholic Church together with Christians Belgians who were increasingly influential in the Congo, all decided to work on Hutu's sentiments against the aristocratic Tutsis.

In 1959 The King of Rwanda *Charles MUTARA III* was assassinated following a routine vaccination by a Flemish physician in Bujumbura, the same 1959 the HUTU apprising against TUTSIS stated, the action was known as (the WIND OF DESTRUCTION), thousands of TUTSIS went into exile, and many more were killed in first test of Genocide in the country of thousand hills.

Right from 1959 for every decade TUTSIS were killed for different reasons, sometimes for being the cause of droughts, they were considered to be the cause of all bad and evil in the country. 1994 was the biggest blow when more than million TUTSIS were killed in just hundred days; the *1994 GENOCIDE* took a place under the supervision and protection of some super powers.

A man killed his wife, a wife killed her husband, a child was crushed against the wall, and unborn babies were taken out of the wombs, mass rape was a slow killing machine.

As result today the country is challenged by a very big number of Orphans, some of them having no shelters on their heads, a very big number of widows some of them suffering from HIV AIDS. In 1994 Rwanda was a dead country.

The Human experience in facing wars and disasters you will only live it by visiting Rwanda; your first touch on the ground will show you the cleanest city in the region, your movement around the city will give you the pleasure of our shared security, our security stands tall in the great lakes region and makes our country the only crime and corruption free Nation.

The sad historic sufferings of Rwanda, as you have head, it's very hard to believe in what you read and hear about Rwanda today, only fifteen years down the road.

The power behind our wining Experience is our understanding the following:

- 1- The planers, Perpetrates, and the Victims of GENOCIDE are all Rwandese, therefore, no outside interference while we rebuild our country, and design our future.
- 2- We have decided to forgive unforgivable, the victims of GENOCIDE are ready for their country, to forgive the perpetrates when they come forward and ask for pardon.
- 3- To avoid circle of revenge, the Rwandese people for their country are committed to no revenge policy, and adopted zero tolerance on revenge.
- 4- Rwandese people have decided to deliver a speedy JUSTICE for all GENOCIDE cases through our traditional courts (*GACACA*).
- 5- We have adopted a collective responsibility policy when it comes to dealing with the GENOCIDE aftermath.
- 6- Dialogue no confrontations for the sake of Rwanda.

We have the very powerful and visionary Leadership which has adopted the policy of Good governance, transparency and accountability before Rwandese people.

With all of this, the success in facing wars and disasters is certain, so certain in the new era of YES WE CAN.

It's about time for all Religious Leaders to preach the GOSPAL and The HOLLY KOR'AAN for the betterment of Humanity and HUMAN SOLIDARITY.

For HUMAN SOLIDARITY my COUNTRY and my FAITH I m committed forever to being on the side of PEACE.

MAY PEACE BE UPON YOU.

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