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CALL FOR PETITION

## "The UN of the Powerful: Out of Africa!"

AGAINST FOREIGN INTERFERENCES AND FOR THE RESPECT OF AFRICAN DIGNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY

Since 1960, Africa is supposed to have taken control of its destiny but when taking stock of 50 years of independence last year, the result was almost unanimously described as negative. The continent is still subject to constant external intervention in order to protect foreign interests that block its own development and growth.

Thus, just after closing the page of the commemorations of 50 years of African "independences", and as a will to stop the momentum of those Africans determined to put an end to this continuous domination, the continent is once again violently blocked in its aspiration for Dignity and Sovereignty. After Ivory Coast, Libya has been targeted. Humiliation and submission are imposed to Africans with the will to eradicate them. In doing so, the same framework is constantly used: the United Nations Organization (UNO). Or other similar spaces (International Criminal Court - ICC, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, etc.). Those commanding these organizations are some imperial powers (United States, France, United Kingdom) who make them a tool to serve above all their strategic objectives, both in political and economic terms.

When the UNO was established at the San Francisco Conference on June 26, 1945, one of the fundamental purposes set out in its Charter was *"to develop friendly relations between nations based on the respect of the principle of equal rights of peoples and their right to self-determination"*. At decolonization, the *"Non-Aligned"* countries (Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, etc.) could influence the UN in the direction of supporting these rights. After the disappearance of this group, the UN took another drift.

Today, the UN serves more and more as an organizational framework to destroy the dignity and sovereignty of Africa. In light of the following, non-exhaustive historic facts, this organization has become harmful to Africa and is degrading Africans.

### ***The UN and Africa: a re-colonization and anti-African drift***

- **In the Libyan crisis.** The African Union, a legitimate interlocutor impossible to circumvent, has been ousted flagrantly and with humiliation. African solutions were too peaceful and far from the objectives of those who decided to conduct a real war in order to liquidate an African Head of State and his regime. In doing so, they went beyond the resolution of the UN Security Council which was taken to *"protect civilians"*. For this purpose, they transferred the mandate of an organization created to promote peace to the most powerful and war promoter military organization of the world, the NATO. It became a UN army and was given complete impunity. This war machine has been engaged for six months and carried out more than 7500 "missions" in a real slaughter against the Libyan civilian population and infrastructures through its indiscriminate bombing. As in Ivory Coast, the UN has also encouraged to arm the rebels against one of its member States as long as they are submissive to the objectives of those controlling the UN, in total violation of international law.

- **During the post-election crisis in Ivory Coast.** The holy rule of peaceful conflict settlement was also rejected immediately. The UN has quickly provided the base for an offensive military action through its own "peacekeeping forces", combined with forces from the country's former colonizer, France, and the allied rebels. All these forces had only one objective which even reached the point

of massive disinformation: to deny sovereignty to the institutions in place and to put as head of state a man who is more inclined to comply with the orders of France. Supported by the Obama administration, France made every effort to legitimize, through the UN, its support to the rebels under the false pretext of safeguarding human lives. While mass atrocities were committed in Western Ivory Coast, no rebel has so far been concerned neither by the new regime, which has established a winner's justice, nor by the UN, which is still not interested to activate the ICC.

- **After the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC).** Among its most zealous promoters are those who will never send to this ICC their nationals involved in coups, political assassinations, war crimes or genocide in Africa. In addition the predominance of Africans among the accused in the ICC shows that it is only a "*court for Africans*", in fact for those Africans defying the Masters of the World and of the UN. None of the African dictators who sponsor or organize war crimes, but who are obedient servants of these Masters, are worried by the ICC.

- **Facing war crimes and looting of resources in Eastern Congo.** In spite of its alarming and accusatory reports, the UN remains very passive. The 30,000 men deployed in the region are deprived of any military option against various armed groups engaged in lootings, massacres (over 6 million deaths since 1998) and mass and wild rape, mainly against women, sometimes just two steps away from the UN camps. The ICC is not very interested in all this in order to preserve the local interests of those who dominate the UN and to protect their allies in the region.

- **Facing the genocide in Rwanda.** Without being directly involved, the UN nevertheless applied the same *laissez-faire* policy. At the height of the genocide, the UN ordered its 25,000 peacekeepers deployed in Rwanda to not intervene, neither against the perpetrators of the genocide, nor to bring any help to the victims, even when they were knocking at the doors of the UN camps. This non-assistance to people in danger contributed to inflate the number of victims of the genocide to one million.

- **Already, at the time of the Congo crisis (DRC) in 1960.** The UN forces requested by the Congolese Prime Minister Lumumba refused their deployment to Katanga, the rich province driven into secession with the help of Belgium, the former colonial power. Abandoned by the UN and target of a remote-controlled CIA conspiracy, Lumumba was assassinated in Katanga, shortly before the assassination of the Secretary General of the UN, Dag Hammarskjöld from Sweden. Very attached to the sovereignty of the new African states, Dag Hammarskjöld disappeared in a mysterious plane crash by trying to land in secessionist Katanga.

The UN undoubtedly needs Africa. But the UN stands up against this continent. Africa would do right to be without the UN. Because, in spite of its noble mission, this organization is legitimating the annihilation of the rights of African peoples to self-manage themselves. Just as the Church did in the 15th century when it legitimized the Black Slave Trade and Slavery. The UN more and more serves to legitimate the safeguarding of the interests of the former colonial powers that continue the spoliation of Africa.

### ***What Africa gains primarily by leaving the UN***

**Africa creates an historic opportunity to reshape its destiny.** Collectively or individually, African States can re-design new parameters of international relations privileging above all the respect of African dignity and sovereignty. By making better use of the strengths of its economic potential, Africa can gain respect through these concrete tools. Today the West does not make fun of the Chinese any more who have become their creditors.

**Africa ceases to offer on a silver plate to its aggressors, masters of the UN, the tools to destroy its dignity and sovereignty.** The violence against and the assassinations of defiant African leaders will not stop. The threat to Western prosperity, with the rise of strong emerging economies, will increase the fierce repression of any attempt to gain independence, in order to create, safeguard or reinforce privileged positions. African States do not have to lay themselves open to manoeuvres against them through their presence in instrumentalized organisations.

## ***What Africa could primarily "loose" by leaving the UN***

**Multilateral aid.** But it is about a humiliating space for begging, which gave the licence to the whole world to develop Africa, with no real result. China has never relied on international aid. Thomas Sankara has succeeded to avoid it also in Burkina Faso. Now that the win-win partnerships are finally possible, African States should reinforce their bargaining power. There is no more need to beg while sitting on gold, oil, uranium or coltan, to quote only some of Africa's wealth.

**An international space for dialogue.** However, African voices do not count on this space, neither for peace initiatives, nor for development policies in Africa. As under colonization, Africans have no word to say. They are submitted to the dictatorship of the powerful states within the UN, especially when these powerful states want to orient the UN towards their own objectives. For instance, when they are promoting their alibi-"democracy" with very variable geometry.

### **Sign the petition against the UN!**

The last General Assembly in April this year coincided with the setting up of a new regime in Ivory Coast which is totally submissive to the interests of those against African dignity and sovereignty, CRAN\* had decided to reflect on a petition to propose to Africans and to all those who are in solidarity with their aspiration to be respected.

As said Lumumba, architect and hero of African emancipation, the history of Africa is not a history to be written in Washington, London, Paris or New York, with plenty of revisionist lies. It is up to the Africans themselves, with dignity, to write their History, including the marching towards democracy!

Along the same vision and facing the affront experienced in Ivory Coast and currently in Libya, the former South African President Thabo Mbeki called on all Africans to "*defend their interests against the West*" and to "*massively express their rejection of foreign interferences and their right to decide their own future*". It is a matter of dignity, sovereignty and survival for Africa.

Through this petition, let us express both this rejection and this right. If not, let us open an imperative debate on the benefits of an African presence in an organization that offers Africa only a perspective of submission, humiliation, and re-colonization. At least, let us take it as a first step to not leave behind for future generations an Africa without dignity and without sovereignty.

CRAN\*, Bern, 24 August 2011

PLEASE SIGN AND CIRCULATE THIS PETITION :

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\* Established in 2002 in Bern (Switzerland), CRAN (Carrefour de réflexion et d'action contre le racisme anti-Noir / Platform for reflection and action against anti-Black racism) is not to be confused with the CRAN-Representative Council of Black Associations, founded in 2005 in France. Among many other achievements CRAN.ch has organized the first and unique European Conference on anti-Black racism in June 2006 in Geneva. .

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