

**UNITED NATIONS
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FORUM ON MINORITY ISSUES
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Our request is that this *Forum on Minority Issues* takes serious note of the alarming increase in and continuing brutal murders of farmers and farm workers in South Africa since 1994.

Furthermore - to assist in preventing and addressing the violence and atrocities directed at and targeting a strategic minority community enterprise responsible not only for food security but which contributes considerably to job creation, economic growth, food security and the prosperity of the entire South African nation.

The assistance is requested in the light of:

- various commissions and committees of enquiries, plans and strategies, acknowledgements and commitments from the authorities relating to farm murders having come to nothing;
- an unacceptable total of 1651 farm murders having been committed from 1990 to 2013;
- the comparative international figures showing an average of 7 murders per 100 000 people per year whereas South Africa registers 31,1 per 100 000 – but, if projected into specific categories it reflects 54 per 100 000 for police officers and an alarming 132,8 per 100 000 for farmers;
- the phasing out of the former Commando-protection-system which operated extremely successfully in the rural areas, which in turn created a vacuum in security, due to it never having been replaced with the proposed Area Crime Combatting Unit or Sector Policing; and
- the decision by the police authority not to release facts and figures related to farm murders after 2007 as a separate category, which was practice until 2007, but to brush this problem off as '*murder is murder*' thus reducing the seriousness of the situation by simply generalising it.

*(Attached hereto is the input made by the Freedom Front Plus to the **Human Rights Representative in South Africa's** present investigation into farm murders)*

Therefore, we, the FREEDOM FRONT PLUS of South Africa, together with other registered South African participants -

Request this *Forum on Minority Issues* to share and adopt our concerns about these continuous cruel and violent atrocities committed with brutal force and often extreme torture against the South African farming fraternity – which, in international terminology, is referred to as genocide; and

Recommend that the ***UN General Secretary*** initiates a full investigation to pressurize the SA government to immediately implement effective measures to put an end to these atrocities.

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