



Civilians' Initiative For Reparations

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Subject: Civilians' Initiative for Reparations

During the National Launching of the UN Decade for People of African descent, October, 25 2016, in the Netherlands, the vice Prime Minister President, L. Asscher¹ delivered a, what we have mentioned as a 'heartbreaking' opening statement². In the statement he referred to the essence of what we define as Maangamizi. This is the Kiswahili term which encapsulates the full extent of the African Holocaust (slavery and the slave trade, including the (trans-) Atlantic slave trade, the abhorrent barbarism, their magnitude and organized nature including the despicable system and structures).

UN Decade '2016 Award-winner' Dr. Barryl Biekman, than uses this momentum during her speech and reminded the vice Minister President that the content of his statement delivered the supreme evidence why Reparations for the mentioned crimes against humanity is justified. In addition she argued why a statement of deep regret³, was and still is not sufficient enough to be conceived that as an Apology for the committed crimes against humanity by the Dutch. She further argued that the time is now for Reparations and to stop it from being taboo.

That is exactly one of the main reasons why we in the Netherlands have started this signaturescampaige, for a Parliamentary Debate about Reparations in perspective of the Dutch slave trade (=traffic in human beings), including the (trans-) Atlantic slave trade, slavery, apartheid, piracy and colonialism, and in connection therewith a request for the establishment of a Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry for Truth & Reparatory Justice

For more information: download here

<https://app.box.com/s/lwb0tziois2l9gqk4k25dcq0mhlax9kg> the full text for the Call for the Reparation Debate. And here for the signing for:

<https://app.box.com/s/9ni3kjgvy2mue8oqr3g9j5ovtlhm64l9>.

We appreciate your assistance in the acquisition of signatures.

¹ Minister of Social and Employment Affairs. Coordinating Minister Interdepartmental Consultation regarding Racism issues.

²<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/toespraken/2016/10/25/de-lancering-van-het-vn-decennium-voor-mensen-van-afrikaanse>

³ Delivered in 2001 during the UN Durban WCAR Conference by the former vice Minister President Van Boxtel