

Written by E-Smart Mekete Media Team Today Eritreans around the world spent the day writing letters to members of the UN Security Council urging them to unconditionally Annul & Repeal Resolution 1907(2009), imposed on Eritrea on unsubstantiated allegations. It was no different for Eritreans in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area, as they flocked to the Eritrean Cultural and Civic Center in downtown, DC to write letters and sign petitions as they discussed the UNJUST resolution 1907 passed on Christmas Eve in 2009. Eritrean-Americans are very troubled that their adoptive country, the United States of America, has played a role in this illegal sanction.

“We are ready to do what it takes to end this unjust Resolution. We are aware of all the gimmicks and tricks being employed by some officials who are abusing their power. We are equipped with the mental capacity and information that will allow us to fight this illegal resolution, we will continue to expose the lies and fight for justice for Eritrea and its people.” said one youth who came to the ECCC early in the morning and stayed until after the campaign was over. Another elderly Eritrean- American also expressed his hard feelings said “I never imagined that a civilized country that I consider my adopted home would engage in this type of ugly behavior towards a nation that it knows has been the shining example of Africa and has shown so much patience despite all the negative attacks taking place against the most peace loving people and government in the world.” He went on to add, “I am puzzled as I have voted this administration into office mainly for domestic issues, but I see that the illegal ruling influenced by his administration is something that must be removed and rejected by all peace loving people of the world. President Obama during his campaign for his current position spoke and preached about CHANGE, yet we see the same old, if not a worse policy towards Eritrea by the handful policy makers who have followed the same policy as former secretary of state John Foster Dulles, who famously declared in 1952; “From the point of view of justice, the opinion of the Eritrean people must receive consideration. Nevertheless, the strategic interests of the United States in the Red Sea Basin and world peace make it necessary that the country be linked with our ally Ethiopia.” The letter writing campaign that started on 21 June 2011, ended with a lot of hope that the reasonable voices at the United Nations Security Council will come to their senses and remove it without any pre-conditions.

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