**Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)**

**Thematic Discussion on Racial Discrimination in today's world: Racial profiling,**

**ethnic cleansing and current global issues and challenges.**

**Geneva November 29th 2017**

**Concluding Remarks**

**Anastasia Crickley Chairperson CERD**

Thank you for sharing the realities of racism in today's world and in particular for your incisive and insightful focus on racial profiling and ethnic cleansing. You have named the issues clearly from Libya to the USA, South America, Myanmar and Europe. My apologies to those of you who did not get to speak including Committee colleagues. We have listened carefully and will seek as far as we can to inform our work by what you have so courageously and directly said.

I echo Madame Dah's sentiments also that as well as the importance of the issues you have brought to our attention, this afternoon has a value in its own right as a unique opportunity for the Committee to engage with those it seeks to serve. I join with her in recommending that such an event be held annually or at a minimum every two years.

I wish you every success in your work to eliminate discrimination and a safe journey home.