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Greetings

Madam Chairperson, Members of the forum and Delegates

In memory of Queen Mother Adumn\* Oshupa Tabasi, founder and organizer of the Ghana Nkwanta Project. She joined the ancestors January 2008. CAPTIVE AFRIKAN SURVIVOR REFUGEES (CASR) has been denied economic prosperity, social acceptance, and representation in the United States of North America.

Upon arrival to these northern shores, our ancestors were forced to forget their languages, religion, culture, and homeland. They lost their identity and were considered property and a commodity of trade. The "AFIKAN HORROR HELL OF A COST" began and continues.

Captive Afrikan survivor refugees as involuntary-exiled children and ascendants of the enslaved have no representation at the Global Body known as the "United Nations" (UN). A nation within a nation, the invisibles, we have no voice, we have no representation yet we are living breathing human beings that do exist! Remember that on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2002 Secretary General Kofi Annan proclaimed that the World's Indigenous People have a home at the United Nations.

In April 2004 land was given to us in the Upper Volta Region of Ghana. We stand ready to return to develop, build, and maintain a sustainable community.

Economic and social disparities of Captive Afrikan Survivor Refugees (CASR) are the effects of Human Rights Violations. The Afrikan Union has finally realized our worth to include dispersion Children of Afrika in the decision making of the Afrikan continent as the "Sixth Region" of the continent.

## Collective Recommendations

#### Attention Secretariat

Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
Office High Commission on Human Rights (OHHR)

### Form a committee to assist:

- Captive Afikan Survivor Refugees in obtaining representation. A seat at the Global Table.
- Develop an awareness for issues and concerns of Captive Afrikan Survivor
   Refugees
- 3. Address Human Rights violations
- 4. Diplomatic Status given to those who qualify
- 5. Dual Citizenship
- 6. Afrikan Governments to include (CASR) issues
- 7. Address Repatriations and Reparations
- 8. Afrikan Governments have some semblance of political control must address
  International Laws
- 9. A survey must be taken by the United States Government, the United Nations and all Afrikan Government as to just how many CASR opt to exodus the US Post Haste!
- 10. Afrikan Governments must demand the return of their stolen exiled children
- 11. Receiving centers must be set up by Afrikan Governments
- 12. Afrikan Governments must work toward a United States of Afrika

Thank You