

Congress Resolution: Enslavement of African people today in Mauritania

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WE, participants at the 5th Pan-African Congress meeting in Munich, Germany

TAKING into consideration the absence of concrete measures to effectively eradicate the enslavement of African people in Mauritania

RECOGNIZING the right of each person to enjoy all economic, social and political rights

EXPRESSING our strong condemnation of the measures being taken against our colleague and brother, Biram Dah Abeid and all the members of the anti-slavery movement in Mauritania

TAKING COGNIZANCE of all African and international Conventions signed and ratified by the government of Mauritania

RECALLING all the African and international Human Rights conventions, including those dealing explicitly with the eradication of slavery and racism

ENDORISING the objectives of the United Nations Decade for People of African descent and the declaration and programme of action of the Durban Conference against Racism

EXPRESSING appreciation for the work of the Anti-Slavery Movement and the uncompromising solidarity to the Haratine people of Mauritania who are still enslaved.

we HEREBY commit ourselves to the following

- To intensify the fight against racism and all modern forms of slavery

- To campaign for the freedom of our sisters and brothers in Mauritania
- To create a German branch of the Anti-Slavery Movement in Germany

WE HEREBY call upon the government of Mauritania to

1. Immediately release Mr Biram Dah Abeid, winner of the 2013 United Nations Human rights award along with his companions
2. Take necessary measures for the prohibition of all racist interpretations of Islam
3. Eradicate all forms of slavery and racism in Mauritania
4. Ensure social balance in the education system, the government, the parliament, the health system, the army, and all other national institutions
5. Decline any cooperation agreement for labour exchange between Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, the United Emirates and any other country bearing the risks of transforming young girls, women and young men into enslaved persons

We hereby call upon the European Union and all international cooperation partners to impose sanctions against Mauritania if anti-slavery laws are not effectively implemented.

FINALLY, WE SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT WE WILL NOT BE FREE AS LONG AS ALL OUR BLACK SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN MAURITANIA ARE NOT BE FREE!

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