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Press Release

Embassy of Eritrea rejects Jendayi Frazer's Statement to US Lawmakers

The Embassy of Eritrea is dismayed with the public Statements made on 11 March 2008 by Jendayi Frazer, US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, during the Senate Hearing “Evaluating U.S. Policy Objectives and Options on the Horn of Africa”, held under the auspices of Senator Russ Feingold and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

This latest act is in continuation of Frazer’s two years long, unwarranted defamation and vilification campaigns against the Government of Eritrea. Frazer’s personal and vindictive crusade is partly explained by a string of failures in her misguided policies in the region, her unsuccessful bid to meddle in the legal process and alter the final and binding Award of the independent Eritrea Ethiopia Boundary Commission (EEBC), as well as, her obsessive intentions to divert attention from, and cover up, Ethiopia’s gross violations of international law.

Suffice it to mention two of her diplomatic faux pas:

1. In 2006 Frazer visited Badme, a sovereign Eritrean territory under Ethiopian occupation without Eritrea’s permission
2. Frazer intervened on behalf of Ethiopia to overturn the Eritrea Ethiopia Boundary Commission’s Final and Binding Delimitation Decision

In addition, US media reported that Frazer held a meeting on 14 January 2008 with members of the Eritrean “opposition coalition”, an assortment of subversive groups sponsored and trained by the Ethiopian regime with the avowed aim of “violently overthrowing” the Government of Eritrea. Key members of the coalition include the Afghan trained terrorist outfits, the Eritrean Islamic Jihad Movement (EIJM) and the Eritrean Islamic Islah Movement (EIIM), which contradict and compromise the US Administration’s stated goals in its “global war on terror”.

The Embassy of Eritrea wishes to underline that Frazer’s strident testimony does not only fail to meet the minimum standards of objectivity and credibility that her high office demands but it will also not advance the cause of peace and stability in the Horn of Africa or serve US long-term interests in the region.

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