

## **CONDEMNING FORCED MAASAI EVICTIONS IN TANZANIA**

"This House stands in solidarity with the Maasai people of Tanzania who are being forcibly evicted by the Tanzanian Government on the false pretext that they are damaging the eco systems through a growth in population; notes that some 150,000 Maasai people live in the Ngorongoro and Loliondo Conservation areas of Tanzania; notes that the United Nations Special Rapporteurs have already called on the Tanzanian Government to immediately halt plans for the relocation of indigenous people; notes that Ngorongoro was designated a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 2010 on account of its cultural value, and therefore due to these unlawful evictions urges the UNESCO World Heritage Committee to immediately suspend its designation of Ngorongoro as a World Heritage site as it fails to comply with the UNESCO human rights criteria;

This House notes that on 5th February 2024 the Secretary General of the United Nations made the following report to the 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council, from the "The Society for Threatened Peoples", "After the violent evictions on 8th of June of 2022, the United Republic of Tanzania persists to violate international law by continuing to deprive Maasai in the greater Serengeti Ecosystem of their access to grazing land, propelling their forced relocation and striking down any Maasai protests".

This House expresses alarm that the Tanzanian security forces are using unlawful force to remove local indigenous communities without any consultation or lawful reason to do so; calls upon the Tanzanian Government to cease such action forthwith, to permit visits by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to repatriate those removed to date, to compensate those injured in the process, and calls for tourists from the United Kingdom to boycott visits to Tanzania until this matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Maasai Indigenous People, and calls for the United Arab Emirates to refuse to participate in any such scheme to displace indigenous people, and engage in "trophy hunting" in Tanzania."

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