His Excellency
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Secretary General of the United Nations
760 United Nations Plaza
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Dear Secretary General,

On the 21st of June a delegation led by Revd. Dr. Gideon Para-Mallam delivered to your Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, Alice Wairimu Nderitu, a "Petition Seeking Urgent International Engagement to Protect or Stop Genocide and other Atrocity Crimes in Nigeria". It was submitted together with supporting documentation.

The petition was signed by me on behalf of Christian Solidarity International (CSI), and the representatives of thirteen other non-governmental human rights defenders. All are engaged on the ground where religious cleansing and other atrocity crimes are taking place.
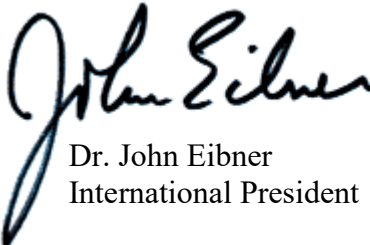
Five weeks have passed without a response to this urgent appeal. Meanwhile, the atrocity crimes continue. Ms. Nderitu has rightly spoken in the past about genocides occurring in increments with victims perishing initially in small numbers.

"They are killed gradually", your Special Advisor observed, "two people here, five there, fifteen here, thirty there, and so on and so on. Then, one day, everyone realizes that a million people are dead, and we have genocide on our hands. To stop the genocide of a million people, we must stop the deaths of a few that we often take for granted." This is happening today in Nigeria.

Nigeria now stands at the threshold of Genocide. CSI therefore urges you and the Security Council to demonstrate in word and deed that the UN's mandate to prevent genocide and protect endangered victims is not a dead letter.

It appears that the Nigerian government is either unable or unwilling to fulfill its responsibility to provide security for its own citizens in the face of violent sectarian terrorist entities. Further silence and inaction will leave the impression that the UN is also unable or unwilling to fulfill its mandate when confronted with atrocity crimes of the highest magnitude.

Respectfully,

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