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Statement

The Central Council of the African Community in Germany (Zentralrat der Afrikanischen Gemeinde in Deutschland e.V.) would like to express our gratitude to OSCE ODIHR for taking part in this session.

Today, shocking news about another abuse against an asylum seeker in Hagen, Germany demonstrated again that asylum seekers are exposed to institutionalized violence in Germany.

Women refugee organizations in Germany have been demanding for years adequate training and control of private security agencies and guards. The fact that mistreatment was documented this time rather appears as an exception.

In this context, we would like to commend the work of ODIHR aiming at training the police forces to prevent and identify hate crime, violence and speech and all forms of discrimination.

It should be compulsory for any security or agency or company claiming related to the asylum process to undergo the same type of training and monitoring.

Furthermore, we are deeply concerned by the negative portraying of asylum seekers and more generally, migrants and people of non West-European descent, especially Moslems in the political area and large sections of the media, despite major contribution to the political, economic, social and cultural life of their host countries.

As we embark on the Decade of the People of African descent, the European Year for Development, Beijing + 20, we strongly advocate the German government for people of African descent, their organizations and the African community to be strongly involved in continuous efforts for the implementation of the European plan of action.

First and foremost, we urge the German government and all participating States to take all necessary measures to ensure the security of African people, children, women and men on land and at sea.

According to the UN Children's convention, children have the right to have a positive image of their parents, their country of origin and themselves. Mistreatment has no place in this context, neither stigmatization, nor impunity. Children are not born to end up as adults in the hands of security guards or police forces, as in the case of Oury Jalloh or many others.

We demand that they equally combat anti-African hate crimes, hate speech, violence and all forms of discrimination against these groups, as well as any form of violence against any other vulnerable group or religion. Victims should not be turned to suspects as in the case of the NSU murder series. Arson should be named as such as in the recent case of the arson attack against the Mevlana mosque in Berlin end of August.

As in the case of mistreatment in Hagen, we demand full and complete inquiry, protection of witnesses, parents and supporters, contrary to the situation of the mother of Oury Jalloh who died in custody over 8 years ago. She came year after year to trial and later passed away in the Gambia and never could experience that justice was done to her son. Supporters and relatives are still been intimidated. We demand the end of impunity for hate crimes, hate speech, violence and all forms of discrimination.

Thank you for your attention.

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