

Annex I

Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission

Seventeenth report on the work of the Commission

1. This is the seventeenth report of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission, covering the period from 1 March to 30 May 2005.
2. In accordance with the schedule notified in paragraph 32 of the Commission's sixteenth report, the Commission has now suspended all its activities in the area. The field offices have been closed; the Commission's staff contracts have been terminated; and its assets in the field have, for the time being, been placed in the custody of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea. There has, accordingly, been no further demarcation activity.
3. The legal position and the practical possibilities of progress, remain as described in the Commission's sixteenth report.
4. The Commission will proceed with the demarcation if and when the parties can reach agreement on its resumption.

(Signed) Sir Elihu **Lauterpacht**
President of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission

30 May 2005