

Annex II

Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission: twentieth report on the work of the Commission

1. This is the twentieth report of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission, covering the period from 1 December 2005 to 28 February 2006.

2. The Commission takes note of the following statement of the witnesses to the Algiers Agreement of 22 February 2006:

The witnesses recall that both Ethiopia and Eritrea committed themselves to accepting the delimitation and demarcation determinations of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission as final and binding, under article 4.15 of the Algiers Agreement of 12 December 2000. The witnesses expect each Government to uphold its commitment and to cooperate with the Boundary Commission to implement its decisions without further delay. The witnesses urge the Commission to convene a meeting with the parties and invite the Commission to consider the need for technical discussions with the support of a neutral facilitator to assist with the process of demarcation. The witnesses strongly urge the parties to attend the Boundary Commission meeting and to cooperate with and abide by all requirements specified by the Commission in order to successfully conclude the demarcation process.

3. The Commission further notes the following statement of the President of the Security Council dated 24 February 2006 (S/PRST/2006/10):

The Security Council recalls that under the Algiers Agreements, both Eritrea and Ethiopia have agreed to accept the delimitation and demarcation decisions of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission as final and binding.

In this regard, the Security Council calls on both sides to cooperate with the Boundary Commission to implement its decisions without further delay.

The Security Council urges the Boundary Commission to convene a meeting with the parties to prepare to resume demarcation and strongly urges the two parties to attend the Boundary Commission meeting and to cooperate with and abide by the requirements specified by the Boundary Commission, in order to successfully conclude the demarcation process.

4. Although there has been little change in the situation since the Commission's report of 5 December 2005 (S/2006/1, annex I), the Commission considers that a further attempt should now be made to secure the consent of both parties to the resumption of the demarcation process that was interrupted in 2003. It is, therefore, seeking to arrange a meeting with the parties to that end in early March 2006.

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