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Dear Human Beings, Mister Vice-President, Mister Special Rapporteur, Dear Delegation of Eritrea, Excellency's, Ladies and Gentlemen, Greetings of peace and understanding,

To found and to lead a Nation is an extraordinary opportunity. Be it through a process of self-determination, a constitutional process, a change of government or for any reason. However, the past is then never as important as the future.

Theory of change is not about shame, blame or accountability; hoping these are never needed. It is not either about doublestandards, the UPR or country mandates. It is about making, for ourselves, a difference, a betterment, <u>a change that is valid for all</u>.

The Enlightenment's philosophy used to say, quote: "The greatest good for the greatest number". The philosophy of human rights spells differently: "Sufficient good for all, each and every one".

We know they are problems everywhere and in Eritrea; they are listed and, in dignity we regularly engage on Eritrean issues. We know they are solutions everywhere: they are to be created, and used.

The tools of development, of peace and respect for life are available, to each and all. We are waiting to see them used and to see a brighter future for the people and institutions of Eritrea, as everywhere.

Thank you, Mister Vice-President.