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Dear Human Beings,
Dear Eritreans,
Mister Vice-President,
Excellency's,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear webcasters,
Good afternoon,

Eritrea is a magnificent country.
Beautiful people, lots of them well educated, in Europe.
Extraordinary landscapes, ripe with natural resources and tourism opportunities.

Eritrea could be blooming, thriving towards development and the fulfilment of SDG16: an inclusive society, with strong institutions, serving their people, with care and dedication.

What would it take for this to happen?

First and foremost, it would require, from the ruling elites, a little more love for their people.
As examples, there are needs to understand that religious diversity is a spiritual asset, not a threat. Or that youth is the blood, the greatest treasure of a country, its future, not a cause for exile.

Now please, may these elites dwell in the humbleness needed to take the good example: lessons learned and best practices available from other countries.

In Africa, they are States who achieved major peaceful transformations. Others attained full development. Elsewhere, some disbanded their army to liberate funds for education or adopted the gross happiness index.

The twenty-first century is a time of major changes, for humanity and for our planet: change must happen and it must happen peacefully. May Eritrea and its people be fully part of it, happily part of it!

Thank you for your attention.
Thank you mister Vice-President!