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**The Foreign Affairs Committee
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Dear Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Gambella people, who have endured decades of division, marginalization, and genocide in their homeland of Paanywaa, which is currently within the borders of Ethiopia and Sudan. Our plight is a matter of great urgency and historical injustice, which we believe requires international attention and support to rectify.

Historically, the Anyuak land was an independent kingdom nestled between Ethiopia and Sudan. However, the agreements of 1902 and 1956 between the British Empire and Ethiopia, which divided our land, were made without the consent or even the knowledge of the Anyuak people. This division was not only geographical but also detrimental to the socio-cultural and political fabric of our society, splitting one united family and land under one leadership into disjointed territories.

Moreover, from the era of Menelik II to Meles Zenawi, the people of Gambela, the heartland of the Anyuak, have been systematically marginalized. Denied access to further education and representation in federal institutions, our people have been left voiceless and powerless. This marginalization has facilitated severe human rights abuses, culminating in acts of genocide for which the Ethiopian government must be held accountable.



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Given these severe injustices, we seek your support in facilitating political dialogue that could lead to a referendum on the independence and reunification of the Anyuak land. We firmly believe that such a referendum is crucial to restoring the dignity and sovereignty of our people.

In return for your support in this critical endeavor, we propose a mutually beneficial arrangement. The Anyuak land is rich in natural resources, including oil reserves. We are prepared to offer the Danish government preferential access to these oil reserves, ensuring a steady and reliable energy partnership that would benefit both our nations.

We trust that the Danish Foreign Affairs Committee, known for its commitment to human rights and international justice, will consider our appeal with the seriousness it deserves. By supporting our cause, Denmark can play a pivotal role in righting a historical wrong and championing the self-determination of an oppressed people.

We hope to engage in further discussions to elaborate on our proposal and explore the best paths forward. Your favorable response to our appeal will mark a significant step towards peace, justice, and prosperity for the Gambella people.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Morcen Ojwok Omot

Chairperson

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