



To president of  
The UN Human Rights Council  
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## **OPEN LETTER**

Ms. Khan!

The Initiative Group of a Russian human rights organization **Foundation to Battle Injustice (FBI)** appeals to the UNHRC in connection with systematic violations in the USA of fundamental and universal norms set forth **in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.

We, as representatives of Russia, a multinational country calling for peace and friendship between peoples, express our extreme concern over the problem of racially motivated violence and police brutality in the United States.

After the murder of African American George Floyd by police officers and the subsequent civil protests, police violence in the United States not only did not stop, but also intensified. From May 2020 to May 2021, US police shot **1,068 people**. A year earlier this figure was **999 people**. The overwhelming majority of police violence victims are African Americans. The entire civilized world is a witness of a racially motivated civil war initiated by the police against people of the US.

American justice turns a blind eye to cases of police brutality: the victims and their relatives do not have any chance to obtain justice. The massacres of **Marvin Scott III, Tyler Wilson, Trevor Siver, Kevin Clark, Adam Traore, Javier Ambler, Judson Albam, Adam Toledo, Frankie Jennings, Isaiah Brown** and hundreds of other innocent residents of the United States make it clear that life of an ordinary person is of no value for the authorities of the United States.

Human rights do not depend on citizenship, circumstances, gender or sexual orientation, race or religion. **All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights (article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)**. Most often, people refuse to respect human rights, mistakenly explaining their position by national sovereignty, but we consider this position as hypocritical, due to the fact that the ability to violate the rights of citizens is a sign of weakness, not strength.

American human rights organizations are not able to handle with that amount of police violence cases and with the inaction of the judicial system in the face of force arbitrariness. There is pressure on human rights defenders from the police structures in the United States.

According to our human rights defense experience, the initiative group of the Foundation to Battle Injustice urges to initiate an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council underpinned by scale of the issue. Any measures to counteract violence can be discussed, up to the discussion of the matter of sending a humanitarian mission to the United States of America in order to

prevent systematic violations of human rights and malicious cases of police arbitrariness.

We consider it feasible to send a mission to the United States of America due to the fact that such an experience has previously demonstrated its effectiveness and allowed preserving thousands of civilians from State repression and extrajudicial murders. Successful UN operations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (1960-64), Angola (1991-1995), El Salvador (1991-1995), Cambodia (1992-1993) and Liberia (2003-2018) have demonstrated the world that the UN is able to stop violent intra-state conflicts and stop bloodshed. In our opinion, the current situation in the United States regarding human rights and freedoms has frightening similarities with South Africa during the apartheid era.

That is why the initiative group of the Foundation to Battle Injustice demands that the international community, represented by the UN Human Rights Council, should immediately respond to the crisis of state violence against citizens in the United States.

Most respectfully,

*The initiative group of the Foundation to Battle Injustice*