Eritrea evil; USA good

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Guest post: Roger Conklin sends in a couple of links regarding the United Nations condmenation of Eritrea.

Here are a couple of many links on the Internet with respect to this resolution of condemnation. One includes a Video of Susan Rice, US representative on the Security Council, speaking in support of this resolution. The second is the text of the resolution.

http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/sc10471.doc.htm

Items 10 and 11 condemnEritrea's Diaspora tax, and directs that it cease and desist from "extortion, fraud and other illicit means" to collect taxes outside ofEritrea.

Sounds strangely like the way the IRS operates, doesn't it? And to think that Susan Rice, the UN representative of the only other nation that collects a Diaspora tax from its citizens abroad, spoke so convincingly and eloquently in favor of this resolution for following the same tax practice as the US.

> 10. *Condemns* the use of the 'Diaspora tax' on Eritrean diaspora by the Eritrean Government to destabilize the Horn of Africa region or violate relevant resolutions, including 1844 (2008), 1862 (2009) and 1907 (2009), including for purposes such as procuring arms and related materiel for transfer to armed opposition groups or providing any services or financial transfers provided directly or indirectly to such groups, as outlined in the findings of the Somalia/Eritrea Monitoring Group in its 18 July 2011 report (S/2011/433), and *decides* that Eritrea shall cease these practices;
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> 11. *Decides* that Eritrea shall cease using extortion, threats of violence, fraud and other illicit means to collect taxes outside of Eritrea from its nationals or other individuals of Eritrean descent, *decides* further that States shall undertake appropriate measures to hold accountable, consistent with international law, those individuals on their territory who are acting, officially or unofficially, on behalf of the Eritrean Government or the PFDJ contrary to the prohibitions imposed in this paragraph and the laws of the States concerned, and *calls upon* States to take such action as may be appropriate consistent with their domestic law and international relevant instruments, including the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, to prevent such individuals from facilitating further violations;