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Right of Reply
by
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Second Round at the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly:

(Eritrea-Ethiopia)

Thank you Mr. President,

I wish to remind once again the representative of Ethiopia, the key to resolving the problem between Eritrea and Ethiopia is the withdrawal of Ethiopia from sovereign Eritrean territory.

The Boundary Commission has completed its work by submitting the maps to the United Nations.

Ethiopia's dishonouring of its agreement is an irresponsible and shameful act. This issue cannot be swept under the carpet through diversionary tactics and presentation of unfounded allegations. Ethiopia must face up to its treaty obligation if it is interested in the security and stability of the region.

On Somalia,

I wish to bring to the attention of this august body that Ethiopia continues to be the only constant factor through out the political crisis in Somalia. This is very revealing of Ethiopia's hidden agenda in Somalia. Ethiopia's continued meddling in the affairs of Somalia is dangerous to the Somalis and to the rest of the region.

The international community must revisit and reassess the situation and seek a better solution that empowers the Somalis to take charge of their destiny in an inclusive political process.

Thank you!