

PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 28 OF THE CONSTITUTION TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

CONGO 'GENOCIDE' BONDS

Attention to:

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Congo Free State "Genocide Bonds" Trading on the Euronext Stock Exchange

This is a Petition under Article 28 of the Constitution to the Belgian government office responsible for international finance.

The Petitioner is the Organization of Emerging African States (OEAS) which is a unique international organization serving the emerging states of Africa seeking self-determination. OEAS has offices in the United States and Ghana and is a public charity and an NGO registered with the European Union and United Nations. The OEAS seeks to remediate the crimes and damages of colonialism and has members and associates in the former Belgian Congo (Congo DR).

The subject of the Petition is the **Genocide Bond** issue of the Congo Free State, 500 gold franc 4% Bonds of 1901, refinanced in 1944 by the Belgian colonial authorities and currently listed on the Euronext (Paris) Stock Exchange – ISIN No. QS0010267431.

The nominal face value of the issue on October 15, 1901 was 50 million gold Belgian francs (1 franc = 290.322 mg of fine gold).

The Euronext listing may be seen here:

<https://live.euronext.com/nl/product/bonds/qs0010267431-xpar/congo-belge-1901>

<https://live.euronext.com/nl/product/bonds/QS0010267431-XPAR/market-information>

The genocide and atrocities committed by representatives of King Leopold II of Belgium in the former Congo Free State 1885-1908 are a well-documented historic fact. A minimum of 5 to 10 million deaths were attributed to mass murder, enslavement, torture, mutilation and other atrocities committed by the Belgian king and his criminal associates in search of profits. The Royal Family of Belgium was greatly enriched by this criminal behavior and has never paid restitution to the Congolese people. As a consequence of the transfer of sovereignty of the Congo in 1908, Belgium affirmed the debts of Congo Free State including the "genocide" bonds.

The proceeds of these genocide bonds were used to finance infrastructure and public works to facilitate the genocide and exploitation of the Congolese people 1901-1908.

The Petitioner is the owner of the attached unredeemed bearer bond No. 036605 of the 1901 Congo Free State issue with coupons for the years 1961-1973 intact. The original 1901 bonds were refinanced by the Belgian colonial administration and the Paris bank Rothschild Freres in October 1944 and payments suspended in 1961. The bonds however continue to trade on the Euronext Exchange.

It is abhorrent to all human reason and a matter of outrage that the “genocide” bonds of King Leopold’s Congo Free State continue to trade publicly on the capital markets.

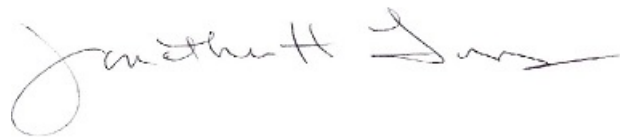
The Petitioner therefore demands the following:

The Belgian government immediately redeem this bond issue and recall all the bonds from the public market by paying their nominal 1901 face value and setting aside at least 25 million Euros for that purpose.

That portion of the bond issue fund not redeemed shall within 12 months shall be contributed to a Congo Genocide Restitution Trust to be used for the benefit of the descendants of the victims of genocide in the Belgian Congo.

That the Petitioner’s legal fees and costs be paid by the Belgian government.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Levy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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