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### **Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives**

## **Situation of human rights in Eritrea**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Secretariat has the honour to draw the attention of the General Assembly to document [A/HRC/53/20](#), which contains the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker, and is hereby transmitted to the Assembly in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution [53/2](#) on the situation of human rights in Eritrea.

2. In the report, covering the period from 23 April 2022 to 24 April 2023, the Special Rapporteur describes the human rights situation in Eritrea, with a focus on the indefinite national/military service and its impact on the economic, social and cultural rights of Eritreans, the state of the rule of law and the administration of justice, and violations of civil and political rights, including prolonged and arbitrary detentions and enforced disappearances. The Special Rapporteur highlights the situation of the Eritrean Afar Indigenous communities who continue to be subjected to discrimination, persecution and interference in their traditional means of livelihood. He also outlines persisting challenges in the protection of Eritrean refugees and asylum-seekers in the region and beyond. The report concludes with recommendations to the Government of Eritrea and to the international community.

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