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STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE RESPECT OF THE RIGHTS OF REFUGEES FROM LIBYA

Pursuant to the Law n°19/2013 of 25/03/2013 determining mission, organization and functioning of the National Commission for Human Rights as modified to date, especially in its article 1(1°) that entrusts the Commission with a special responsibility of monitoring the rights of refugees;

The National Commission for Human Rights conducted a monitoring visit to the Emergency Transit Mechanism located in Gashora Sector, Bugesera District on October 4th, 2019.

The Emergency Transit camp received a group of 66 refugees that were received from Libya under the Agreement between the UNHCR, African Union and the Government of Rwanda aiming at helping resettle them. They are the first batch of the 500 evacuees to be received under this agreement as part of the efforts to rescue thousands that are languishing under gross human rights abuses in detention camps in Libya.

The Commission's visit aimed to assess the respect of refugees' rights and the compliance with national refugees laws and international conventions and standards related to refugees.

The Camp is under the responsibility of the Ministry in Charge of Emergency Management (MINEMA) with the support of the UNHCR and other Humanitarian organizations including World Vision, ADRA, Humanity & Inclusion, ARC and CICR.

During the visit, the Commission discussed with refugees, the management of the Emergency Transit Camp, UNHCR staff, the Police and other staff working in the camp.

The Commission established that:

- Living standards meet the minimum international requirements with adequate food and accommodation, sanitary facilitation, clean and enough water, table and chairs, beddings, clean air, mosquito nets, recreation facilities and other necessary equipments.
- Health services are provided to all refugees, with an in-camp and well equipped health centre; complex cases are referred to hospitals.



- Specific groups including children, breastfeeding mothers and unaccompanied children are given special care and diet.
- Translation services are available to ease communication in the Camp and refugees are facilitated to communicate with their families.
- The Commission is satisfied with the level of security in the Camp;
- Refugees enjoy full rights of worship in accordance with each one's religious belief;
- To ensure refugees' right to information, different TV sets together with working internet WIFI have been installed and available for use in different rooms.

The National Commission for Human Rights commends the efforts of the Government of Rwanda for taking the lead in promoting shared responsibility at continental level, which will help promote peace and growth, on the African Continent.

The Commission will remain seized on the matter.

Done at Kigali, October 4th 2019

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