The Permanent Mission of the State of Eritrea to the United Nations and Other Organization in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Committee on International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and has the honour to react to the concluding observations of the committee.

The Permanent Mission went through the written concluding observations for factual mistakes as customary to any treaty body. The approach of the current concluding observations, is however, swayed and takes the absence of a written report as an excuse to fully disregard the oral responses of the Eritrean Delegation to the list of issues and follow-up questions from members of the Committee.

As such, the document is factually incorrect and substantively in variance with truth. It is one sided as it negates developments including in the domain of ICCPR.

It undermines the cooperation spirit and the full discussions that remain in public record.

The above stated being a preliminary reflection, the government will further respond to factual and substantive mistakes and the approach taken.

The Permanent Mission would like to kindly request the secretariat to post the present letter as part of the outcome document/s.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Eritrea to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretaries of the OHCHR, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 28 March 2019

Secretariat of the Committee on ICCPR
Geneva.