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The Ethiopian government must implement the outcome of the Algiers agreement between Eritrea and Ethiopia from 2000.

The Algiers agreement established two neutral commissions: the Boundary Commission, and the Claims Commission.

As far as the issues is concerned the Commission issued a final border ruling in 13 April 2002, but its verdict was rejected by Ethiopia. As of today a tentative peace remains in place.

Eritrean Democratic Party would again like to remind the Ethiopian government that the Agreement among other demand in Article 5 – paragraph 16 that “Decisions and awards of the Commission shall be final and binding. The parties agreed to honor all decisions and to pay any monetary awards rendered against them promptly.”

Even if we indeed understand that the international legal system is weak and have lacks, the centralised legislative and juridical organs coercive executive power to enforce the rule of law at a national level. The UN-Security Council should take the necessary actions against Ethiopia.

Just letting Ethiopia neglect the agreement and the final and binding verdict of the commission will harm the already damaged image of the international community.