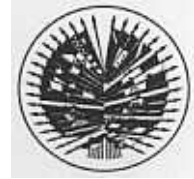


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ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006 U.S.A.

April 15, 2002

Dear Dr. Umez:

On behalf of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States dated March 7, 2002, regarding the treatment of Africans by European Airlines.

I also wish to inform you that, in accordance with Articles 19 and 20 of its governing Statute, the Commission is only competent to act on complaints alleging violations of the Rights protected in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, the American Convention on Human Rights, and related instruments that create international obligations for member states of the Organization of American States.

As your communication does not contain allegations concerning the pertinent international obligations of an OAS member state, the Commission does not have jurisdiction to consider the matter of which you complain.

Sincerely yours,



Santiago A. Canton
Executive Secretary

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