

Remarks by H.E. Mr. Estifanos Afeworki Ambassador of the State of Eritrea to Japan and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps at the the anniversary of the 27th Liberation Day of the Republic of Rwanda in Tokyo July 6, 2021

- H.E.Mr. RWAMUCYO Ernest, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Rwanda to Japan
- Honorable Konosuke KOKUBA Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Honorable Asahiko MIHARA Member of the House of Representatives & Deputy President of Japan – African Parliamentary Friendship League
- Excellencies and Dear Colleagues
- Ladies and gentlemen

It is a great honor for me to participate in the Anniversary of the 27th Liberation Day of the Republic Rwanda which is being celebrated here in Tokyo today.

The Independence of an African nation means dignity and respect not only to one country but to the people of the whole continent who were brutally subjected to the barbaric acts of slavery and colonialism by the Europeans for centuries.

This liberation day is also an opportune moment to remember and embrace the memories of the ancestors, leaders, the heroes and heroines who struggled and fell to achieve the independence of the Republic of Rwanda and each of our countries, in order to secure the African human dignity.

May I also take this opportunity, in my capacity as Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of the State of Eritrea to Japan, to wish the President of the Republic of Rwanda, Mr. Paul KAGAME, and the people of Rwanda, harmony, peace, stability,

prosperity and success in their ongoing efforts of building their independent nation.

Thank you