

**RIGHT OF REPLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE AT THE OPENING
OF THE 5TH SESSION OF THE HRC: GENEVA, 11 JUNE 2007**

President
Mr. Chairman,

We are grateful to the Special Rapporteurs whose statements we heard today. ~~though we do not agree with some comments made.~~

Zimbabweans won their freedom in 1980 following a bloody struggle for freedom against a white, racist settler regime which enjoyed USA and UK support despite UN economic sanctions. To the Americans, Zimbabwe's chromium was more valuable than the freedom of the African majority; for the UK, blood ~~was~~ always thicker than water, kith and kin rights prevailed over the Africans.

~~eleventh standards, the selection by~~ ~~and the police~~
There is no discrimination against any racial group in Zimbabwe today. That speciality of skin-colour coded justice we leave to the Australians, the USA and their friends. Any Zimbabwean who works with foreign powers to the detriment of ~~his/her~~ country will be treated as the traitors they are.

We despair for the aborigines in Australia who routinely die in police custody while racist judges absolve the racist police at every turn.

* Today Australia has set aside \$1 billion to effect ~~changes~~ ~~those changes are~~
We take pains to respond to all correspondence from the HRC's special mechanism.

Thank you

* For the USA telling us about the

Human Rights Commission of the following ~~in the world~~
The US must admit and say ~~to the world~~
that we stand with our brothers and sisters in the
Third World and that we have to
fight for our right to self-determination and to
the right to development. The US must stop
the neo-colonialism and the imperialism of