Atlantic slave trade had no difficulty in establishing itself in certain coastal regions in Africa, where first slave traders were welcomed according to traditional African hospitality, and especially because of prior existence on this continent of domestic slavery.

Our rulers had believed that white men were looking for slaves whom they would use as servants, while integrating them into their families.

Indeed, in Africa, domestic slavery was integrative, since the slave became a member clan which he even took the name and observed taboos and totems.

Many great families of yesterday have within them descendants of slaves, integrated and assimilated to a large extent.

African rulers knew nothing about the apocalyptic and disintegrating character of the slave trade, the Machiavellian maneuvers of white slave traders.

The slave trade was not accepted however... there was resistance.

**FOUR CENTURIES OF SLAVERY, A DEEP WOUND ENCLOSED IN UNIVERSAL MEMORY TO BE HEALED**

For more than a decade, PROMETRA International, headquartered in Dakar and with 28 National Representations, seeks ways and means to heal deep wounds buried in universal collective memory.

Whites or blacks have a duty of memory and PROMETRA would like to offer WAYS OF REMEMBRANCE.

The need to remember remains unavoidable and imperious to prevent this plague to gangrene ...; behavior worse than terrorism would emerge.

**WAYS OF REMEMBRANCE, A PROMETRA PROJECT**

For its implementation, PROMETRA has acquired a vast space in Ouidah (Republic of Benin), which extends from Atlantic Ocean to Djegbadji Lake. On this site, PROMETRA has implemented:

- The Gate of Return: a challenge to many doors of no return,
- A column of Liberty, around which, all men are equal and free,

- A giant monument of Mother Africa welcoming her children from all continents,

- The Museum of the Gate of Return with its four compartments,

- The Tree of Remembrance, challenge to the Tree of Forgetting.

This important project aims to heal the defect buried in collective memory and consciousness.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LYBIA**

**We must avoid confusing the image of what it is image**

Transatlantic slavery is not comparable to what is happening in Libya.

For four centuries, a whole state, multi-state strategy decimated black race, wealth, culture and black civilization. 500 years ago, Africa had 800 million inhabitants. In 1900, African population was only 100 million.

What happens in Libya is not of state, but linked to evolution of our world more and more alarming, ruthless and barbaric.

- Fratricidal wars, an example.

- Migrations, an example.

- Terrorism, an example.

- Neocolonialism, an example.

- Current economic boom, an example.

The world and its Machiavellian, narcissistic and sadomasochistic evolution leads men to behaviors that integrate more and more into normality of the system.
A WORLD OF POSSESSION AND POWER AT EXPENSE OF HUMAN

In this system, conformism easily understands that man of today is in quest of possession, goods, power and money ...

'Pick up in desert lost people, doomed to death' ... instead of letting them die, they chose to take advantage! It's the system!

Only a few centuries ago missionaries offered to blacks to choose between becoming a Christian, dying or becoming a slave. It is obvious that the least harm was to become a Christian!

DO NOT CONFUSE THE IMAGE OF WHAT IT IS IMAGE

It is important not to compare what is happening in Libya ... which fits into the normality of the system; to barbarity orchestrated for four centuries by those who advocate 'equality between men'

Who is to blame about this behavior of misguided Libyans?

Let's everyone seek.

Africa's concerns are elsewhere. Do not be distracted and avoid amalgam.

Africa has many serious challenges to face.

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