

## *Submission 96 (translated)*

Hello,

I wanted to speak about the hardships of this journey. A journey that for one full year passed with daily bad news and stress. A journey in which we played with our own lives to get here.

At present, I have been living on Nauru for ten months, under very tough and difficult conditions, with the hot weather and stressful thoughts and thinking about how this journey will end. Every day when I wake up, I count the hours till night time, when night time comes, I count the hours till day light.

Time passes very slowly, life here is very difficult and unfair. I cannot sleep at night. My thoughts are mixed, especially now that after ten months of different kinds of hardships, we have not been recognised as refugees and my mother and I have been refused. It is truly unfair that after all this time, such a decision has been made about us. If we were not refugees, we would never have spent one year in the camp under such tough conditions. We only came for freedom, but I still try to be strong and not to break down after all the bad and sad things that have happened to us in the past few years and think of the future. Please think fairly and make decisions about us. Can you yourselves live in an underdeveloped country without any technology? I am sure you cannot. We came to have a better and freer life, not for a bad and deprived life. I am only 16 years old. This place is like a prison for me and people the same age as I am. We have no opportunities to study and no opportunities to work... for 5 years. Please hear our voices. (This is truly not fair.)