JOINT COMMITTEE?

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A joint committee of two estranged states to study the issue of genocide
is like a joint committee of a rapist and rape victim.
How likely are the two to agree on what actually transpired?
How likely are they to achieve a consensus that a brutal crime was committed?
How traumatic would such a proposed committee be to the victim,
given the determined denial of the perpetrator?
What purpose could such a committee serve?
Probably to delay and procrastinate the publication of the documentary ruling.
But we have judges for a purpose.
A judge carefully assesses what happened.
To discern who did what
and to whom.
To determine what should be the punishment
and the compensation.
We do not need a focus group
composed of a rapist and the rape victim.
Spare us that final indignity.
Please.
In the name of decency,
spare us that indignity.