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Declaration of the Formation of Ethiopian National Movement
August 10, 2016
Washington, DC.
USA

I. **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS Ethiopia, home to over 100 million people, is a huge and highly complex country inhabited by diverse population groups with distinct and ancient cultures, languages, and religions since antiquity;

WHEREAS Ethiopia has a tortuous history resulting from the interactions of competing and constantly evolving identities;

WHEREAS the country is currently being ruled by a narrow clique unrepresentative of and contrary to popular will;

WHEREAS the legitimacy of the ruling party to rule the country has been exhausted and it is deploying federal elite riot police, defense and security forces in civilian populated areas to suppress popular yearning for change and the installation of a representative government;

WHEREAS the Ethiopian peoples throughout the country have been peacefully protesting against the policies of the government continuously and demanding rights supposedly guaranteed by the country's constitution;

ALARMED by the massacres, gross violation of human rights and abuse being committed by the ruling party against peaceful protesters and the deteriorating security situation in the country;

WHEREAS the situation resulted from the incumbent regime's ambition to indefinitely cling to power by violently suppressing the legitimate rights of the people to exercises their inalienable rights such as freedom of association, assembly, expression, due process of law, and the right to live, work and benefit from their ancestral land;

COGNIZANT that calls by a succession of stakeholders on the ruling party to peacefully and democratically address rising grievances have come to naught due to the ruling party's intransigence;

WHEREAS the aspirations of Ethiopia's diverse population for justice, democracy, and genuine federalism, while promised on paper, have been subverted in reality and replaced by injustice, dictatorship, and extreme centralization;

NOTING that the destiny of the peoples of Ethiopia is intertwined and inalienable; and fragmented struggle against entrenched dictatorship has not brought the desired end during the last 25 years;

DRAWING on the lessons of several previous efforts at coalition forming to this effect;

MINDFUL that unless arrested in time the worsening security situation in Ethiopia could lead to state collapse whose deleterious effects will ripple throughout the already troubled Horn of Africa region;

CONCERNED that such a situation might create conditions for external elements to subvert the popular struggle of our people;

BUOYED by the bravery, determination, and readiness of our youth to pay all the sacrifices asked to end being ruled under the barrel of the gun and;

DESIROUS of ensuring that their sacrifices are not in vain and instead lead to true democracy and genuine federation and representative and accountable government;

We, the undersigned organizations, execute this declaration on this day, 10th August 2016 to guide our joint efforts at freeing Ethiopia and its aggrieved population from the jaws of tyranny and have founded a coalition of Ethiopian political organizations named Ethiopian National Movement, *yeItiyopia Agerawi Niqinaqie* (የኢትዮጵያ አገራዊ ነቅነቸ) in Amharic, and in Oromiffa.

II. VISION

Our vision is to create a political community in Ethiopia based on citizenship united in the pursuit of unity within diversity, ending injustice and dictatorship and realizing accountable, representative and democratic governance.

III. MISSION

Our mission is to jointly mobilize Ethiopia's diverse communities to end dictatorship and create the conditions for a truly democratic and genuinely federal system of government in order to realize our vision laid out above.

IV. SHARED VALUES

The National Movement shall guarantee the implementation and respect of all human and democratic rights and civil liberties in Ethiopia such that:

1. all Ethiopians are equal in front of the law and no one is above the law;
2. every Ethiopian has equal political right based on the ‘one person one vote’ principle;
3. all Ethiopians shall enjoy equal civil liberties in all its expressions as individuals and group;
4. all political organizations that are signatories to the visions and missions included in here and consider themselves part and parcel of the same political community will enjoy equal rights;
5. traditional leaders, religious leaders, elders, women and the youth are accorded their honors and place in society;
6. no one culture or heritage has supremacy over another; and
7. the coalition shall observe the Banjul and UN declarations on human and peoples’ rights.

V. OBJECTIVES

1. To create a political consensus amongst all Ethiopian political organizations and civic societies committed to ending dictatorship and forming a democratic government that guarantees justice, freedom, and equality in Ethiopia.
2. To unite all Ethiopian political organizations and civic societies and muster their resources to wage a countrywide struggle to end dictatorship and usher in democracy;
3. To set up a Transitional Government of National Unity that is composed of the representatives of the political organizations sharing the vision enshrined in this document and other appropriate representatives of society;
4. To bring together representatives of all communities, political parties and civil society groups to hammer out grand agreements on Ethiopia’s future governance;
5. Conduct a country wide credible free and fair election to setup a government that represents the wishes of the peoples of Ethiopia before the end of the transitional period.

VI. STRUCTURE OF THE COALITION

The Movement shall have three main bodies; namely, Council of Representatives (CR), Executive Committee (EC), and Consultative Council (CC) as well as different departments and task forces dedicated to accomplishing specific objectives for which the Movement is organized. The formula for representations in the structures can take cognizance of the size of constituency represented, the membership of the organization, and over-all organizational capacity to realize the objectives of the movement.

Council of Representatives (CR)

1. Members of the CR are the representatives of each member organization of the Movement. Representation and voting rights in the CR shall be determined by a formula negotiated among founding members.
2. The total number of seats will be determined by negotiation. The founding organizations might wish to determine the size by taking into account the elements of the formulae. The seats might be expanded as new members are added. New members shall not occupy more seats than the combined seats of the founding member organizations.
3. The CR is the highest governing body of the Movement; it appoints all members of the EC, Audit and Inspection Committee, and Conflict Resolution and Discipline Committee; and approves the respective by-laws of the committees.
4. Member organizations may form alliances and merge. However, opportunistic alliances and merger shall be discouraged.
5. All members of the Secretariat of the Movement are also voting members of the CR.
6. The CR, as the governing body, shall ensure that the Secretariat is functioning well. It receives, comments, and approves the quarterly reports from the Secretariat.
7. The CR appoints and removes in part or whole members of the Secretariat on grounds of under-performance or insubordination or other misconducts deemed serious by the Conflict Resolution and Discipline Committee.
8. The CR approves the planning, acquisition and disbursement of the budget of the Movement as presented by the Secretariat.
9. The CR approves membership of new organizations when presented by the EC with sufficient support and documentation.
10. The Chairperson, along with the Vice Chair and Secretary General of the CR, and the Secretaries for Finance and Treasury, Political Affairs (organization and media), Foreign Affairs, and Home Affairs (security and defense) portfolios, will make up the EC. The Chairperson is the Chief Executive Officer and spokesperson of the EC
11. The Chairperson of the CR will be the Chairperson of the EC and can serve two terms of four years each

2. **The Executive Committee**

1. is appointed by the CR for a term of four years and the number of its members shall not exceed one third of the members of the CR;

2. shall plan, organize, control and execute actions that benefit the Movement and the country and its diverse peoples within the bound of the general policy directives handed to it by the CR. It has the power and the responsibility to mobilize the resources (human, material, financial) necessary to accelerate change in Ethiopia.
3. shall attempt to combine the financial and human resource of the constituent organizations so as to bring a speedy transformation on the ground.
4. shall set up different committees, departments, and taskforces such as political, security and home affairs, economic, justice, foreign affairs, public relations, finance, and research to facilitate and advance the aims and objectives of the Movement.
5. shall conduct a regular meeting bi-weekly, and reports to the CR quarterly.
6. has the power to enter into contracts on its own behalf and its member organizations. However, it has no powers to negotiate with third parties on matters outside of its mandate.

7. is empowered to enter into contracts up to \$\$\$ (a limit to be defined). It can hire or fire, in accordance with the law, the employees of the Movement.
8. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee is responsible for preparation and implementations of systems and process that enable the Movement to achieve its goals. He/she is a co-signatory on contracts and checks of the Movement. He/she can delegate authority and responsibility in accordance with latest best practice.
9. The Chairperson may appoint special assistants consisting up to three persons.

Consultative Council (CC):

1. The Movement will have a broad based Consultative Council composed of known and respected traditional and religious leaders, professionals, scientists, men and women of the arts, members of associations of different social groups such as trade, women and youth, Diaspora organizations, etc.
2. The members of the CC, individual or delegate of a bona-fide organization, must be unequivocally committed to the missions and objectives of the Movement and are not suspects of human rights violations and/or ordinary criminal offenses.
3. The primary purpose of the CC is to support the vision, mission and strategy of the Movement. For this, it can advise the CR of the Movement on important issues concerning the general directions and strategies of the Movement, and will play a role of mediation in any event of conflicts and internal crises of the Movement. It shall engage in the mobilization of resources to support the functions of the Movement. It shall engage in dissemination of information, lobbying activities, and combat the disinformation of TPLF.

4. Although the Consultative Council has neither a legislative power nor controlling role over the activities of the EC or the CR, it will periodically receive a formal report from the Chairperson of the Council of Representatives.
5. The General Assembly of the Consultative Council shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the CR.
6. The General Assembly will try to reach decisions by consensus. In the event of a vote, the Council of Representatives shall take note of the direction of the vote in its deliberations but the vote is non-binding for the CR.

VII. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any Ethiopian political organization or a previously existing coalition of political organizations, with credible and identifiable track record committing to accept the vision, mission, shared values, objectives, and abide by the stipulated rules and regulations of the Movement can be a member of the Movement.
2. Member organizations shall pay their annual membership dues upon entry and shall periodically contribute money and other resources to defray the costs of running the Movement. Interest will be charged on membership dues that are paid in arrears.
3. The details of criteria for admission and conditions to be fulfilled shall be specified by the CR. The founding parties must agree on the admission of a given organization and a founding organization may elect to have veto power over the admission of a new organization.
4. Member organizations may withdraw at will. However, since withdrawal from the Movement at the height of the struggle can have grave consequences, a withdrawing organization will have to submit its intention to withdraw in writing and the CR will respond within six months time.
5. The grounds for withdrawal from the Movement, at initial stage or after the election, shall be defined. The assets, debts, pending legal cases against the Movement and other matters such as information shall be shared upon the dissolution or withdrawal of a member. In the event an outside body is to mediate, the CR must endorse the mediating party and provide the terms of reference in writing.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Movement shall not constrain the desire of member organizations to merge. Such a merger shall have no impact on the number of seats allocated to them at the formation of the Movement.

2. The rights, duties and responsibilities, as well as financial, human and material obligations of member organizations shall be stipulated by the CR. However, any member organization shall not conduct or participate in any political or other activity in contravention of the vision, mission, objectives, and shared values of the Movement.
3. The Audit and Inspection department of the Movement shall periodically provide a report to the CR whether member organizations are complying with the decisions of the Movement.
4. Member organizations agree to avail all pertinent information to the Movement.
5. The audited annual financial statements of the Movement shall be presented to the CR for review.

IX. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

1. The Movement shall strive to forestall and prevent unexpected conflicts between member organizations from undermining its mission through open, transparent, and unhindered communication;
2. In the event of conflict between personalities or member organizations on institutional matters or matters of principles/procedures, the case shall be referred to the next hierarchy of the Movement and ultimately to the Conflict Resolution and Disciplinary Committee for final resolution.
3. Officers of the Movement as well as those of member organizations shall be governed by a common code of conduct to be promulgated by the CR. The code of conduct shall not be used to suppress innovations, new ideas or dissent within the organizational framework of the Movement.
4. Member organizations shall be primarily responsible for handling the discipline-related matters of their members. A member organization, whose member has been found to be in breach of the Movement's Code of Conduct, shall be required to replace the identified individual by another person.
5. In the event that the conflict is within the CR and EC, the Conflict Resolution and Discipline Committee is the final arbiter of the matter. However, the Committee may consult with or solicit solution ideas from the Consultative Council.

X. THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

1. Ethiopia's current constitutional and legal documents shall serve as the framework for the governance of the country during the transitional period.
2. The term of office of the Transitional Government of National Unity or Salvation shall not last longer than three years;

3. The Ethiopian Defense Forces and the Police Force shall continue to serve the country, but with necessary reforms carried out. All armed combatants shall be gradually and systematically integrated into the national army or supported to return to their civilian lives. The Transitional Government shall gradually reform the Ethiopian National Defense Forces to ensure that the top brass is broadly representative of all the people of Ethiopia; to make these institutions non-partisan, professional, and answerable to the people's will.
4. Assets embezzled from the people of Ethiopia and kept in domestic and foreign banks and property holdings will be investigated.
5. Violations of human rights and other abuses of power that have taken place over the years will be investigated and a healing process will be undertaken under the auspices of a credible, neutral, and transparent Commission of Inquiry.
6. No right enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Rights shall be abridged by the Transitional Government and the people shall have the unrestricted rights to exercise its rights without interference and molestation by the state;
7. The right to assembly, organize, and freely express opinion shall not be suppressed under any circumstances, and no permission, whatsoever, shall be required to assemble or organize peaceful protests to petition the government for redress of grievances;
8. All political organizations have full rights to peacefully organize and campaign for their programs;
9. The Transitional Government, whose makeup shall be determined by the agreement of the participants, shall be limited to performing the functions of a government in areas of national security, public and social services, and providing assistance to all activities relating to the preparation for fair and free election;
10. The Transitional Government, as much as possible, will honor all international agreements that Ethiopia has entered into, save for those agreements that violate the country's sovereignty and national interests. It shall safeguard the interests of all the people who live, enter or reside in the country. This includes foreigners, residents and refugees.