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EPRDF-SF Congratulates EPRDF, AEUP, CUD, and EDP

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It is with keen and heartfelt sense of joy, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front Supporters Forum (EPRDF-SF) congratulates the Ethiopian people and the thoughtful leaders who took part to produce the Ethiopian 2010 Election Code of Conduct. By their historic collective action, our exemplary leaders have made us proud and ever more eager to double our effort to peacefully democratize Ethiopia and staunchly fight poverty and backwardness.

Their agreement will undoubtedly make it possible for all of us to work hand in hand with our deserving people; thereby rendering our collective duties for the betterment of our country, without overemphasizing our differences. Seeing the representatives of the four signatories of the document shake hands in public, putting aside their differences, shows that Ethiopians have espoused a culture of tolerance in politics since the country embarked upon a democratic path almost two decades ago. And for this revered reason, EPRDF-SF respectfully salutes EPRDF, AEUP, CUD, and EDP for their benchmark historical and transformational agreement.

Ethiopia has been yearning for such a momentous occasion that culminated with political leaders of opposing views setting a common understanding in harmony on the security and peace of the Ethiopian people. The four political Parties' unison to agree and sign a document that has a huge potential of enhancing the democratic space in the country; improving the safety of the people; and empowering the electorate has induced in us the alacrity to arduously work for the common cause of our beloved country and our deserving people. As proud Ethiopians, we stand on notice and are ready to discharge our responsibility whenever and wherever our contribution is needed to make a difference on all of the endeavors that require a collective Ethiopian action.

Feeling humble, it may not occur to the esteemed leaders how profound and pivotal the historic and practical implication of their collective decision is on the daily life of ordinary Ethiopians. In fact, their historic action goes well beyond the signing of an Ethiopian contract to civility. It has put us on the map where commonsense rules--making us, once again, a very collected and fair-minded people that inhabited the earth with history common to all humanity. In essence, it has given birth to the grandest Ethiopian concrete idea eclipsing in importance many of the political deeds that we have done for years. An effort so exceptional to propel our beloved Ethiopia to the matrix of civility once and for all times to come has been done by the aforementioned parties.



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It is with this sense of great hope that we applaud the four political parties who signed the Election Code of Conduct in spite of the destructive actions that were coming from left and right.

The EPRDF party must be singled out for a special note for playing a crucial role in making the document a reality by extending its invitation to all political parties in the country, even though, some political parties didn't heed to its call for action.