



**Supporting statement of the
Democratic Movement for the
Liberation of the Eritrean Kunama
(DMLEK) to the 40th Anniversary
celebration of the Tigray's People
Liberation Front (TPLF)**



The vigilant people of Tigray are among the few who won national oppression by armed struggle. They were and being led by the vanguard force, Tigray's People Liberation Front, TPLF. It's a political force, organized on its nation and battled to severe the repressive and exclusive mode of political administration rooted for decades in Ethiopia. Today, the vast majority Ethiopian is proud by the achievement of TPLF and its likes, the members of EPRDF and the rest principal friends. Stepping from a scratch, to day, they are striving to create a middle class society, in a land where poverty is considered or branded as innate. It's a lesson for those who depict a nationality-based pattern of organizing is a threat for sovereignty and people's unity. Today, even those who were bents towards such type of pattern too are revising their attitude for the very fact that they share and sharing the magical out come. TPLF and its partisans have succeeded to establish a sound and strong central government. They have rallied the vast majority Ethiopians and have shown their ability in building social cohesion around political and development programs. The efficiency and relevancy of such type of political organizing pattern (nationality-based) to the actual situation of Africa, by now, is practically accepted.

Today's struggle against poverty, by any standard, is not less to hard ship and the bitter sacrifices of the armed struggle era. The seventeen years of armed struggle moments, as compared to the 23 years of establishing a viable constitutional and consensual government and the strive to alleviate the living standard to a middle class society in a country known and dubbed as the mother of poverty, is almost the same in content. The lives, sweat, finance and the mental work sacrificed and

invested to avert and erase the picture of poverty from Ethiopia and to reinstate a new image are the real manifestations that reveal the contours of the Ethiopian politics. Today, under the leadership of the TPLF and its EPDRF partners, with in the 40 years scope of struggle, the Tigray people have shown the very fact and hegemonic politics in which the sound and constitutional government or state they have established is a driving force for social and political developments. The leadership and members of the Democratic Movement for the Liberation of the Eritrean Kunama-DMLEK are proud of having you both, the people of Tigray and TPLF, as a principal and principled comrade in arms and good neighbors. We thank and congratulate you for the successful career scored with in these forty years.

The viable Ethiopian government of yours has encouraged its citizens to be loyal to the constitution ratified and endorsed by them selves. The role of your central government in pacifying our region is the out come your sons and daughters. By your effort and sacrifices, the rule of law has replaced the rule of force. Today, no one is a blindfold to witness the progress made by the government led by EPRDF of which your vanguard organization, TPLF, is a member. The vast majority Ethiopians, as to our understanding and best knowledge, are proud by the achievements made so far. Your good friends in principle, among which DMLEK is one, have shown their witness, support and eager to see such a vibrant government continue with the development schemes sketched. As a vigilant people of Tigray, as to the days of the armed struggle, you should show your cohesiveness put the anchor of TPLF to the ground: you should rally around, internalize all bitters and let the TPLF spearhead in Tigray. Its by your blood and bone you have created such a great nation with great people. A great people of such should put the break forward.

Honorable people of Tigray: in coordination with your Ethiopian counterparts, brothers and sisters, you have created a visionary force and leadership in Ethiopia. You have eroded marginalization, passivity and politics of exclusion in Ethiopia. Through the government you vote, power is delegated to the wealth of Ethiopia, the creams of the country that come from the various regional states of Ethiopia. Your active participation is mandatory in making a strong, viable and continuous government so that to see a peaceful region and neighborhood. To pass this courage and sensibility to the coming generation and to be a visionary people for

the region and the Eritrean people in particular, you should rehearse the past victories by chaps and verses. The miracle of your achievements was nothing else but your polity and organizational culture of TPLF. Stick to that and let others follow that trace. Your cohesiveness is the actual parameter for the continuity of your vanguard force, the Tigray People Liberation Struggle (TPLF).

Honorable leadership and members of TPLF: You never betrayed your root, language and culture. You never betrayed your back, the people of Tigray. The 1985's case is a point that shows your loyalty to your people. Still, that sense of loyalty and responsibility is on board to the present time. You have up leveled the mode of thinking of the Tigray people and let it know the advantage and disadvantages. You should not forget and let the Tigray people know that it's the EPLF or the current PFDJ that has betrayed you and the people of Tigray, NOT the ERITREAN PEOPLE. You have addressed the question of the identity politics correctly and now you are striving to forge a middle class society in Ethiopia by elevating the living standard of the people. On our case, the regime in post is preparing to draft a new constitution that will put the current regime for another 24 years. You knew and know the regime in Eritrea is the living cancer for both people. Unless the quest for equality of nationalities is addressed, as you have done, the situation in Eritrea is a time bomb for the developmental infrastructure of Ethiopian. If the current regime in Eritrea is not evil, evil has no meaning and any evil any society or region for that matter should be removed by any means at hand. Therefore, while sketching peaceful developmental social and political programs for Ethiopia and Africa at large, you should not ignore the issue of government change in Eritrea. We should erode this evil in a short time possible. The colorful 40th anniversary celebration of TPLF is a symbolic manifestation of oppressed people.

Long live for TPLF and its members!!

Long live for the people of Tigray!!

Let's strive to revive and consolidate the people to people relation of Eritrea and Ethiopia!!

The principles of DMLEK shall flourish for Ever!!!

DMLEK, 18th February, 2015, Lekatit 11, 2007 (Ethiopian calendar).