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The Government of the National Regional State of Tigray

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To

Excellency,

It has been over thirteen months since the Ethiopian government in an unprecedented collaboration with foreign and domestic invading forces has waged a genocidal campaign against the people of Tigray. During this period the aggressors have committed countless atrocities including the use of hunger and sexual violence as an instrument of war.

Excellency,

Ethiopia's current crisis has been exacerbated by external interventions. In recent years, Iran, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates have provided financial and military assistance to the Abiy regime as it prosecutes its genocidal war on the people of Tigray. Between September and November this year alone, according to an investigation report by Aljazeera and confirmed by other sources, the UAE undertook over 90 flights of military cargo aircraft to Ethiopia transporting drones for use in the war. In recent weeks, the Abiy government has escalated its drone campaign against civilians and civilian installations. Tigray cities and villages are routinely bombarded, and hundreds of innocent people have been killed and hard-earned properties are being destroyed.

It is a long-established position of the National Regional Government of Tigray that there is no military solution to an essentially political problem. However, countless pleas by the international community and our readiness to resolve the crisis through negotiation have been contemptuously rejected by the Ethiopian government. Every passing day, the government is

rather making a peaceful resolution of the conflict unattainable.



Excellency,

The current crisis has been exacerbated by the government sponsored political polarization and ethnic fragmentation driven by a persistent and vitriolic campaign of vilification directed against the people of Tigray. Across almost the entire spectrum of official and private media, including social media, Ethiopians are subject to a nonstop barrage of propaganda designed to whip up a frenzy of interethnic animosity, hate speech and ethnically targeted derogatory speeches.

In early November, the regime declared a state of emergency following a series of defeats on the battlefield. The emergency law was simply a convenient excuse to lend the persecution of Tigreans an aura of legitimacy. In recent weeks, hundreds of thousands of Tigreans have been thrown into concentration camps all over the country. These men and women as well as children are being held under cruel, inhumane and degrading conditions. These citizens are kept in substandard conditions with basic necessities such as sufficient food, water, medical care and adequate sanitation facilities being denied. Torture, degrading treatment, ransom payment and killing is commonplace in the concentration camps. There is credible information that many of them are taken to mysterious places and summarily executed. It is ironic that such crimes are happening among other places in the capital, a diplomatic hub of the continent.

Excellency,

There is an impending humanitarian tragedy unfolding in our hands. There are all the warning signs that the life of all Tigreans in the concentration camps and prisons is in immediate danger. If our worst fears are materialized, it isn't because there are no warning signals but because the international community chose to do nothing. The dire situation our people find themselves demands an immediate international response. It is my hope and expectation of the people of Tigray that your Excellency's government will live up to its international responsibility in putting the necessary pressure on the government of Ethiopia to halt its genocidal persecution of Tigreans living all over Ethiopia.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,

  
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President



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