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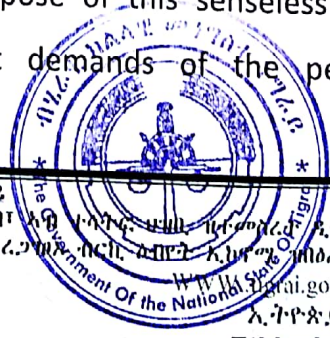
**H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa**  
**President of the Republic of South Africa**  
**Chairperson of the African Union**  
**Pretoria**

Excellency,

Ethiopia, a country that was the pride of Africa for its striding social and economic development and spearheading the perennial aspiration of the African people for peace, development and dignified life, is in a deep political and constitutional crisis. Dr. Abiy Ahmed who came to power with the mandate of expanding the political space, building on the achievements of the past and playing an even greater role in African affairs has betrayed the trust of his people and is leading the country into anarchy and disintegration.

Mr. President,

Tigray has from the start tried to resolve the political problem that has now evolved into a crisis, through available party and government mechanisms. It didn't succeed. The ruling group continued to deconstruct the federal system and instituted a unitary system in its place by appointing its own viceroys in all federal states except Tigray. Since Dr. Abiy Ahmed came to power, he has been at war with the Oromo, Benshangual Gumuz and Southern Peoples, nations and nationalities. The whole purpose of this senseless war has been silencing opposition voices and stifling the just demands of the people for self-



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It is my firm belief that political problems can't be solved through military means. I also believe that the African Union has the responsibility and is better placed to help bring all political and civic stakeholders of the country into an all-inclusive and comprehensive dialogue and avert an all-out civil war in the country. I earnestly hope that your Excellency, in a spirit of African solidarity, will at the earliest possible time play your rightful role towards a peaceful resolution of the crisis engulfing the country.



Sincerely,

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 President

H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat  
 Chairperson of the AU Commission  
 Addis Ababa