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Excellency,

The constitutional mandate of the current government of Ethiopia comes to an end on the first week of October, 2020. The ruling party has, however, used the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to resort to constitutional manipulation to extend its rule beyond the five year limit that the Ethiopian constitution provides for.

The government's unconstitutional maneuver has already started to provoke a deep constitutional and political crisis and has even the potential to unravel the carefully knit national unity of the country. Practically, every single major political party in the country has opposed the ruling party's decision to stay in power until the COVID-19 pandemic is under control which, in practical terms, means indefinitely. The hard fact is even the most learned scientists in the field have no clue when the COVID 19 pandemic will not be a threat to public health. It surely will remain to be a challenge to humanity for the foreseeable future.

All opposition parties including the TPLF have the position that in the absence of a constitutional provision that allows the ruling party to stay in power beyond its term limit, it cannot unilaterally and arbitrarily extend its own term in power. In the absence of a constitutionally mandated party in power, the only meaningful and practical way out of the deadlock is to undertake an inclusive and transparent political dialogue and reach an agreeable solution on how to resolve the constitutional crisis and on how to govern the country and prepare it for a free and fair democratic election. The group in power, however, did not care to listen to the cries of concern and to the voices of moderation of civic and political leaders across the country.

The government's decision has all but rendered the hard won constitution virtually irrelevant. The decision of the group in power to disregard constitutional provisions in

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"ዝተመሓየሽ መንብብሮ፣ ዝለገለ ብርኪ ትምህርትን ቱክኖሎጂን ዝወነነ ሕ/ሰብ ፣ ኣብ ተሳትፎ ህዝቢ ዝተመስረተ ዲሞ/ሲ፣ ሰላምን ሰናይ ምም/ርን ዝነገሰላ፣ ምዕራፍን ተዋዳዳሪይን ዝኾነ ማእኸላይ ኣተት ዘለዎን ሃገራት ዘረጋገጸሉ ብርኪ ዕብየት ኢኮኖሚ ዝበዘሐት ትግራይ ምርኣይ።"

