

The Silver Jubilee of Ginbot 20 colorfully marked at the UNHQs

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The Permanent Mission had organized a reception yesterday to celebrate the silver jubilee of Ginbot 20 which marked a watershed in the history of Ethiopia. The event was held at the United Nations Headquarters in the presence of H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Minister for Foreign Affairs and a number of important dignitaries including the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and other senior officials, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of think tanks, business people, tourist agents and travel writers and the Ethiopian diaspora residing in the Tri-State area.

The event also afforded an opportunity to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Ethiopian Airlines – one of the most successful airlines in Africa, which will resume its direct flights to New York starting from July 3rd, 2016. On the other hand, the event took place few weeks before the election for non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council for which Ethiopia is the African candidate. The event, therefore, offered a good chance to highlight Ethiopia's contribution to the promotion and maintenance of international peace



and security over the past seven decades and seek the support of member states.

The opening ceremony was marked by important statements. In his remarks at the event, H.E. Dr. Tedros expounded on Ethiopia's meaningful



and constructive role in the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts especially in Africa including in the area of peacekeeping. He expressed Ethiopia's unwavering commitment to the principles and purposes of the UN Charter and sought the support and solidarity of member States during the

upcoming United Nations Security Council election.

On his part, H.E. Ambassador Tekeda Alemu dwelt on the significance of Ginbot 20 and the unprecedented progress that has been achieved over the past 25 years. He said Ethiopia has changed and changed for the better and it is fair and appropriate to celebrate this successful journey. H.E. Ambassador Tete Antonio, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations who attended the event also delivered a congratulatory message and expressed solidarity with the people and government of Ethiopia.

The cultural performance of Dankira Band made the celebration very colorful showcasing Ethiopia's richness in diversity. Queen sheba, Meskerem, Awash and Messobe and Zoma Restaurants also served Ethiopian cuisine demonstrating Ethiopia's culinary culture. During the occasion, a Photo Exhibition on Ethiopia's participation in UN Peacekeeping over the past seventy years was displayed. Video footages narrating Ethiopia's role in the area of peace and security and the 70 years journey of Ethiopian

Airlines were also shown •

