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Statement Condemning the Ethiopian Government's Continued Violations of the Pretoria Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA)

The Union of Tigrayans in North America (UTNA), a U.S.-based civic organization representing the Tigrayan diaspora, unequivocally condemns the continued and deliberate violations of the Pretoria Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA) by the Government of Ethiopia under Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. At the same time, UTNA respectfully but urgently appeals to the international community, mediators, and observers to take decisive and concrete action to hold the Ethiopian government accountable.

Despite the immense sacrifices and unparalleled heroism of the people and the Tigray Defense Forces (TDF) that made the CoHA possible, nearly three years on, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government and its accomplices continue to blatantly and systematically violate the accord, undermining both its core principles and binding commitments.

The Ethiopian government's complete failure to implement the CoHA—despite repeated and unequivocal calls from the people of Tigray, the international community, human rights organizations, and civic groups—reveals a total absence of political will and good faith. Over the past three years, rather than honoring its peace commitments, the government has engaged in deliberate deception, systematic manipulation, and destabilizing measures aimed at dismantling Tigray and fracturing the unity of its people.

The Ethiopian government has stubbornly sought to sow internal discord in Tigray through the distribution of illicit funds, provocative propaganda, the misuse of public resources, economic coercion, and the creation of proxy abettors—all calculated efforts to undermine and fragment Tigray. Despite these relentless conspiracies, the people of Tigray and the Tigray Defense Forces (TDF) have stood resolute, confronting these schemes with patience, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to peace and stability. They have unequivocally rejected the relentless provocations and divisive rhetoric of the prime minister and his accomplices. They remain unyielding in their defense of unity and resolute in their demand for the full and genuine implementation of the CoHA through peaceful and lawful means.

However, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's persistent efforts to sabotage the peace process and betray the monumental sacrifices made for peace have been laid bare in his recent address to the House of Representatives. In this speech, he brazenly sought to undermine and ridicule the significance of the CoHA—recasting it from a formal peace accord between two parties, the Federal Government of Ethiopia and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), into a mere "understanding among individuals." This reckless and misleading assertion constitutes a deliberate attempt to deceive the public, distort historical truth, mislead the international community, and undermine both the legitimacy of the peace agreement and the principles of international law.

Furthermore, the recent military incursion by illicit forces organized and armed by the Ethiopian government, in coordination with its National Defense Forces and the Afar regional government into areas of Tigray on November 5, 2025, constitutes a blatant and grave violation of the CoHA. This unprovoked attack, which claimed the lives of innocent civilians, underscores the government's flagrant disregard for its obligations and international law. This situation escalated further the following day, November 6, 2025, when drone strikes targeted additional areas within Tigray and TDF positions in a clear attempt to provoke renewed hostilities, compounding the violations and intensifying the threat to civilian lives, regional stability, and the fragile peace process.

These deliberate, unlawful, and provocative actions by the Ethiopian government constitute a blatant breach of international law and a flagrant violation of the CoHA. Accordingly, the UTNA unequivocally and categorically condemns these acts in the strongest possible terms, holding the Ethiopian government fully accountable for the consequences of its actions.

The Union of Tigrayans in North America (UTNA) further calls upon all Tigrayan organizations, peace-loving peoples of Ethiopia, neighboring states, friends of Tigray, and the international community to unequivocally denounce these violations and hold Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government fully accountable.

The international community must take decisive and concrete measures to guarantee the complete and faithful implementation of the CoHA and to safeguard the lives, rights, and dignity of the Tigrayan people.

Finally, the UTNA reaffirms its steadfast and unwavering commitment to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Tigray and the TDF in defending their dignity, protecting their security, and upholding their inalienable right to self-determination. UTNA remains resolute and unyielding, in every circumstance and at all times.

Eternal honor and glory to our martyrs!

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