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OBJECT: - *Human rights violations (genocide acts)*
in Ethiopia

We are members of the French Oromo community of Ethiopian origin. We are French citizens and political refugees who have permanent residence in France.

We exiled to France because of the intolerable discrimination, intimidation and attacks by the current Ethiopian government. Thanks for democracy and freedom in France; we exercise our basic human, social and political rights that we couldn't find in our homeland.

Despite the distance and time, we follow and support our citizens in their struggle for their rights and freedom. We support the promotion of human rights in Ethiopia in general and that of the oppressed discriminated and marginalized people in particular.

The reasons that led us to send you this letter at this time are many. Allowed these reasons: -

start with the most recent. Since April 25, 2014 pupils and students demonstrated throughout the Oromia regional state to protest against the government's plan to significantly extend the municipal limits of Addis Ababa (Finfine in Oromo) or students and students feel threaten communities currently under regional jurisdiction. The security forces reacted barrack sort of peaceful demonstrators and beat in Ambo, Nekemte, Jimma and other cities with more than dizains victims.

Although Ethiopia has a constitution called secular, liberal and democratic the government in power has a number of difficulties or reservations to implement the contents of this constitution.

Since the accession to power of the gorilla fighters " Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Forces / EPRDF / " in 1991, the majority of the population are suffering from the brutal and indiscriminate attacks of the ruling elite. This group, which adheres to power by force, exercised the laws of the jungle under the cover of a democratic constitution.

From the beginning, freedom of organizations for civil and political rights, freedom of expression and other human rights issues are fully banned or severely restricted by orders or systematic prohibition. If there are any, they are at the service of the ruling elite. Civic organizations and political parties that exist in that country are shaped by the government and the ruling party to use for its hidden goals. No independent party or civic movement is tolerated.

With the increasing demand of citizens for more rights and freedom, the brutality of those in power becomes more aggressive. They formulate new rules and regulations which may help limit or even deny the rights enshrined in the constitution.

Now in Ethiopia, the right to move, organize, freedom of expression, freedom of religion and property becomes impossible. While opposing or refusing these barbaric rules lead to harassment, arbitrary arrests, torture, disappearances, and indiscriminate killings of citizens.

The gravity of the situation in Ethiopia is a source of concern not only for the citizens and foreigners of Ethiopian origin, but also the international community as a whole. Because a very small minority ruling class is making a hell for the vast majority of its citizens.

As the ruling class is based on ethnic foundation; it's always partisan and discriminative. The so called ethnic based federalism is not functional as of its principle. All federal states are under the direct control of the TPLF / Tigray Peoples Liberation Front/ despite their constitutional rights.

The Oromo people (our ethnic group); that constitute more than 40 percent of the total populations are brutally harassed in a manner of ethnic cleansing. For the last two decades hundreds of thousands of our co citizens are arbitrarily arrested, tortured, indiscriminately assassinated or forced to exile.

Unfortunately the international community that is aware of these barbaric acts is not acting enough to stop the tragedies.

With its agenda of Oromo ethnic cleansing the government in power has continued the land grabbing by forceful confiscation of the farm lands in the name of industrialisation or urbanization.

The country's capital Finfine (Addis Ababa) which is part of Oromia (the Oromo region) is in a dramatic expansion through the expulsions of tens of thousands of the indigenous people (the Oromos) with out any or enough compensation or projects to resettle them else where.

Several researches indicate that the majority of those farmers are dying of mal-nutrition and diseases and those who are capable are migrating out of the country.

Through their programs of Oromo expulsion or eradication they are destroying not only our natural resources but also our cultural heritages. The indigenous Oromos in and around the capital are dismantled from their ancestral lands and their cultural heritages are entirely destroyed.

Currently the government is developing new master plan of the capital (Addis Ababa); assisted by French experts to expand it twenty times its actual size. It's regrettable for us to learn that the French experts are working for this politically motivated project. The participations of the municipalities of Paris and Lyon are shocking news for us as citizens and tax- payers of this country.

Recently the Ethiopian dictatorial government has committed a genocide act against our people for manifesting peacefully against this territorial expansion of the capital. In different cities and educational

institutions particularly called Ambo, Robe and Haromaya dozens of civilians including students, farmers and urban dwellers are indiscriminately assassinated.

The government's security, police and military forces are made in alert to use their entire forces to crush any sort of opposition or popular movement.

We urge the French government and those concerned on behalf of our people –

- To condemn with strong terms the genocide acts committed against our people;
- To use its diplomatic means to force the Ethiopian government to stop its barbaric acts and cease firing the innocent people;
- To stop aids and loans for the Ethiopian government unless it obeys its citizens human, social and political rights;
- To stop its participation in any kind of politically motivated master plan developments;
- To stop destruction of human and natural resources and cultural heritages as well,
- To assist diplomatically human right activists and political parties those are working for development of citizens rights in that country.

For all concerned in democracy, human rights and global security , we ask you to follow up the daily situations in Ethiopia to discover the realities on the ground to help you fulfil your responsibilities to protect and support human rights .

Organization of Oromo Community in France
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