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Excellency,

The government of Tigray National Regional State has, over the last couple of years made several attempts at resolving the crisis engulfing our country, Ethiopia, through an all-inclusive and comprehensive dialogue. However, the relationship with the federal government has degenerated to an active combat situation over the last two weeks, with Dr. Abiy Ahmed publicly, declaring that he would bomb dense urban areas of Tigray. He has followed up on the threat and for the last two weeks major Tigray towns have been under heavy air bombardment, with no regard to international law pertaining to protecting civilians under war situations.

Currently, the government of Dr. Abiy Ahmed has chosen to escalate its discriminatory and bellicose policy against Tigray. It has conspired and coordinated with a foreign state, Eritrea, and has since 3 November 2020 launched a full scale scorch to earth military campaign against Tigray. Almost three quarter of the Ethiopian army and sixteen infantry and mechanized Eritrean divisions are mobilized and have occupied a big chunk of Tigray territory. Civilians have already started to suffer the consequences of this senseless war and thousands are displaced and killed. Many thousands have also fled to the Sudan.

Excellency,

Dr. Abiy Ahmed ignored all domestic and international attempts to resolve the constitutional and political crisis through dialogue and has rather chosen to resolve it through bloody military campaigns. He has first escalated the crisis into a regional level by inviting the Eritrean government to attack his own people. He has now escalated the conflict into an international scale by allowing non-African actors to





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rally on his side and inflict more harm to his own people and in the process made peaceful resolution of the conflict even more difficult.

Excellency,

A new and worrying element is, since the 15th of November, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's) provided to the Eritrean and ENDF armies by non-African actors have joined the war theatre. These belligerent actions risk the destabilization of not just the horn of Africa but the already restive red sea area. The irresponsible behavior of Dr. Abiy Ahmed's administration has also internationalized and complicated the crisis.

The consequences of ignoring the concerted military campaign against the people of Tigrai will have grave consequences to regional and international peace and security. It is in this context that the Tigrai National regional state calls upon your Excellency to condemn the war waged against the People of Tigrai by the Ethiopian and Eritrean governments and their non-African partners and put all the necessary pressure on the aforementioned governments, both African and non-African, to immediately halt their indiscriminate atrocities against innocent people. It is our sincere hope that the international community will act at the earliest possible time before the situation deteriorates to a genocidal crime and avert the further internationalization of the conflict.



Sincerely,

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 President