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The Oromo and Ogaden Canadian communities in Ontario recently celebrated the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan with a wonderful dinner. This dinner was hosted by the Oromo community members in Toronto. Many high ranking members of both communities attended the dinner. Afterwards, the two communities held a long discussion that lasted into the early morning concerned mainly about the affairs of the two Canadian communities.

Given their shared values, long standing communal ties, and the challenges faced by both communities here in Canada and back home in Oromia and Ogaden, the two communities resolved the following:

1. Opposition to and condemnation of all forms of terror especially the state terror perpetrated against both communities by the Woyane led regime in Ethiopia;
2. Co-operation at the community level especially in the social, developmental, and peace building fields
3. Exchange of ideas on how to solve many of the social problems and challenges faced by both communities here in Canada. Some of the challenges mentioned include the raising of culturally-aware kids in multi-ethnic and multicultural Canadian society;
4. Better organization of the two communities in order to strengthen the long existing ties that bond the two communities together and to advocate for the rights of both communities both at the provincial and federal levels of governments.
5. Creation of a task force consisting of members of both communities with the sole task of formulating a common agenda to be pursued in unison by both communities here in Ontario.
6. Work with respective communities who reside in other Canadian Cities to work together for our common goal.
7. Call on all members of both communities abroad to work hand in hand to strengthen co-operation for the benefit of our peoples

Both communities are determined to better organize their members in order to strengthen their ties; increase inter-communal co-operation while at the same time advocating for the rights of members of the respective communities here in Canada and back home in Oromia and Ogaden.