

# Joint Statement of the Oromo, Ogaden, and Eritrean Communities



*The Oromo, Ogaden and Eritrean Communities living in Germany and the neighboring countries came together at the town of Offenbach ,Germany, today on 22nd of May 2010 and conducted a half day seminar aiming at human right issues and the volatile political situations in the horn of Africa. The main purpose of the seminar was to raise the awareness of the international communities and, to update the respective communities on the socio-political crisis, human right breaches in the horn of Africa taking into account the case in Ogadenia, Oromia and the unstable border situation of Ethiopia with Eritrea.*

*The Communities conduct this seminar a day before the terroristic regime of the TPLF is running its sham election which the regime in Ethiopia is dramatizing in order to justify its despotic rule over the Ethiopian people and continue its oppression of the Oromo and Ogaden people while pursuing its destabilizing role in the Horn of Africa.*

*After deliberating on the current state of affairs of the Horn of Africa and thoroughly examining the issues raised by the speakers,*

*Fully aware that the so-called elections are bogus and that the people are not only denied to freely express their will, but are forced to cast a ballot for whoever the regime wishes to promote by using intimidation, killing ,terrorizing and economic sanctions,*

*Alarmed by the reports of credible witnesses, Human Rights groups and the international media about war crimes in the Ogaden,Genocide in Gambella, and oromia where the Ethiopian regular Army is burning villages, killing elderly people,*

*kids and women, and torturing others in thousands, while many are illegally detained and suffering in concentration camps set up by TPLF,*

*Noting thousands had been forced to flee the country and undertaking perilous journeys that cost many, their lives and condemned the rest to live in utter misery, Aware that Ethiopian regime has imposed an inhuman economic and aid blockade on the Ogaden people at a time of draught, where hundreds of thousands were on the verge of annihilation,*

*Recalling that from 1992, the TPLF regime mounted a covert war against the Oromo people, kidnapping thousands of Oromo from all walks who disappeared and are still unaccounted for,*

*while many are still extra-judicially executed or kept indefinitely in detention without due process in both covert and unconcealed concentration camps that condemn them to slow death.*

*Deeply concerned by the pre-calculated, selectively continuing harassment, killings and victimization of Oromo students, especially in the higher institutions of learning,*

*Aware that the TPLF regime is undertaking massive environmental degradation in Oromia by uprooting the Oromo farmers and selling their land to investors without due compensation and exposing them to starvation,*

*Noting with deep concern by the assassinations of Oromo and Ogaden civilians in the neighboring countries, notable of which were Mr. Jatane Ali(Oromo) in Kenya , Mr. Mullis A.Gada(Oromo) in Mogadishu (Somalia) and Mr. Sandoon in Galkaio-Somalia,*

*Further alarmed by the Extradition of hundreds of Ogaden and Oromo civilians from the neighboring countries in violation of the UN and AU convention of Refugees, Particularly worried by the fate of Bisharo Wacdi from Northern Somalia; Abdinur Soyay, Dhire Afi and Ahmed Terso from North Eastern Somalia; Mr. Mesfin Abebe and Mr. Tesfahun Chemedda from Kenya, who were subsequently tortured, ill-treated and condemned to death and lifelong imprisonment by kangaroo courts,*

*Strongly concerned by the killing of 65 Oromo refugees in Hargesa by the Bomb blast engineered by TPLF security agents,*

*Deeply disturbed by the practice of the Ethiopia regime in deliberately igniting conflicts between the different communities in Ethiopia in order to divide and rule which is costing thousands of lives and creating hatred and havoc among neighbors,*

*Strongly concerned by the continual aggression of the TPLF lead regime of Ethiopia against its neighboring countries in the Horn of Africa, including Eritrea, Kenya and Somalia. We also strongly urge the Ethiopian government to withdraw from the sovereign territory of Eritrea without any precondition.*

*Further deploring the unjust and preposterous decision to impose sanction on Eritrea on flimsy justifications, while allowing Ethiopia to commit genocide and War Crimes in*

*Somalia , Ogaden, and Oromia while committing aggression and destabilizing its neighboring countries*

*The Oromo, Ogaden and Eritrean Communities Germany:-*

*Confirm their commitment to stand by their respective peoples collectively and individually in order to attain the rights, peace, stability, and friendly relationships and respect based on mutual benefits.*

*Recognize that the current regime in Ethiopia is a danger to its people and neighbors and the source of instability, aggression, terrorism and injustice,*

*Strongly condemn the violations of the Human Rights and War Crimes of their peoples and reminds the TPLF regime that they will leave strive bring to justice those responsible,*

*Proclaim that the current so-called elections fraudulent and as such do not represent the will of the people,*

*Call upon the International Community to stop aiding the pariah regime of Ethiopia and make it accountable to its crimes,*

*Call upon the UN and the international community to rescind the unjust UN security resolution against Eritrea and in particular the Obama Administration to be engaged in dialogue with the Eritrean government.*

*Declare that unless the just causes of the Ogaden, Oromos and other oppressed nations are resolved and Ethiopia stops its aggression against its neighbors there cannot be true peace and stability in the region.*

*Freedom, Respect for Human Right and the Rule of Law in the Horn!!*

*Ogaden, Oromo and Eritrean communities in Germany*

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