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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

As you may well know, the new administration of Ethiopia led by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed came to power with promises of reform, reconciliation and building national unity. It was received with enthusiasm by wide spectrum of the Ethiopian people and was widely acclaimed by the international community for the initial reform measures it undertook.

The government of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, however, failed to match its promises with its behavior. It did not take long before hope turned into despair. The Prime Minister and his team focused on dismantling the constitutional order in its entirety rather than building and improving on it. In the last two years, politics of engagement and reconciliation have given way to politics of hate, deception and division with their attendant grim consequences.

The new party in power unconstitutionally usurped state power from an elected and constitutionally mandated Front and is ruling the country as if elections don't matter. The law of the land was deprecated and institutions disregarded and in the process the country is engulfed by insecurity and uncertainty. The unconstitutional and dictatorial manner the government is managing state affairs is not only endangering the democratic political order but also the very survival of the country.

After the dissolution of the Ethiopian peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) and the unconstitutional takeover of power by the Prosperity Party (PP), the current leaders of the country are working in earnest to institutionalize an autocratic and a one man dictatorial rule. The Federal government has literally dismantled the federal states and is appointing, replacing, reshuffling officials both at the states and federal level at will. It has unilaterally postponed the 2020 national elections and eventually manipulated a constitutional procedure with the intention of indefinitely

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prolonging its reign in power. It has reduced all federal institutions, including the parliament, the courts, the media and the security apparatus into mere instruments to consolidate the one man rule of the Prime Minister.

Your Excellency,

Upon the expiry of the term of the current government on 5 October 2020, Ethiopia will find itself in serious constitutional and political crisis. No political group, including the incumbent party, will have the constitutional mandate to govern the country. The PP will lose both domestic and international legitimacy. It would be unprecedented for a host of the African Union to be led by an illegitimate government that would fly in the face of the Constitutive Act of the African Union. This will have far reaching implications on the already precarious security situation in the country.

In this regard, therefore, we call upon the international community, especially the African Union, to play its leading role in averting the looming danger hovering over our country. We also would like to appeal to the rest of the International community to coordinate its efforts with the African Union in resolving an impending political crisis that have the potential to be a threat to both regional and international peace and security.

Your Excellency,

We would like, once again, to underline that the government's belligerent statements and its intentions to address a political and constitutional crisis through military force will not be helpful, it will in fact exacerbate the already volatile situation. If the government is allowed to pursue this dangerous path, not only Ethiopia but also the Horn of Africa will surely be immersed in political, security and humanitarian chaos. We would like also to emphasize that the federal government will be solely responsible for any unwelcome developments in the country as a result of its intransigence and failure to heed the wise advice of Ethiopians and partners alike. It

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is, therefore, our sincere belief that our international partners, who have been part of the development and democratization story of Ethiopia in the last three decades, would not seat idly by while the country and eventually the region is falling apart.



Sincerely,

**Attachment;**

Memorandum on Averting the Looming  
 Constitutional and Political crisis in Ethiopia

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