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RE: Appreciation for Expression of Your Consent to Participate in the Investigation into Atrocities in Tigray Region of Ethiopia Yet Urging Your Good Office to Extend its Scope of Investigation into Gross Violations of Human Rights in Oromia and Benishangu-Gumuz Region

Dear Excellency,

HRLHA would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to your office's expression of consent to Ethiopia's request for joint investigation into human rights atrocities unfolding in the Tigray Region. At the first place, HRLHA would like to commend an initiative taken by Ethiopian government in inviting your office to take part in investigation process of the alleged human rights atrocity in Tigray Region. This is good news for millions of civilians still in a threatening situation in the region. It would also be a respite for thousands of victims of gruesome human rights abuses committed in course of the conflict. HRLHA appreciates a due attention that you have been giving to the egregious human rights situation in Tigray Region from the outset of the war.

It is of HRLHA's belief that the worst human rights situation currently unfolding in the Tigray Region is the manifestation of the underreported wide scale gross violations of human rights that have been ongoing throughout the country especially in the Western and Southern parts of Oromia and Benishangu-Gumuz Regions. International as well as some local human rights organizations including HRLHA have been repeatedly calling upon the UN to intervene and stop the crises in Tigray Region in particular and other parts of the country in general which as it

stands today seems getting out of control. Be this as it may, HRLHA believes that it is still not too late to react as the human rights situation in the country is still seriously threatening. (Please refer to links mentioned below).

Dear Excellency,

HRLHA sincerely calls upon your good office to widen the scope of its investigation in Tigray Region to other parts of the country especially Oromia (Western and Southern parts in particular), Amhar Region Walkayit Zone, and Benishangul-Gumuz Regions where untold human rights abuses have been committed over the past two and half years. HRLHA would like to bring kindly to your attention that the continuing serious human rights situation in Ethiopia is a result of deeply embedded and successive authoritarian political culture that the incumbent government is insisting too.

Moreover, HRLHA strongly urges your good office in particular and the UN in general to work towards pressing the incumbent government of Ethiopia to put in place a genuine and all-inclusive transition complemented by strong transitional justice mechanism in order ensure accountability for the hitherto gross human rights abuses and bring about lasting peace in the country.

Last, I would like to assure you HRLHA's readiness to cooperate with you, to the extent possible, in all your endeavors towards investigations into human rights abuses in Ethiopia.

Sincerely,

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