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Subject: Condemning the vicious attacks against the Oromo nation and rejecting the falsehoods, lies, distortions, confusions, and self-serving interpretations of history

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The Amhara elites, who still dominate over 74% of the Ethiopian state bureaucracy and control the resources of the multiethnic population, have been accustomed to imposing their version of history, culture, language, and religion on other peoples - for more than a century. Masquerading themselves under the Ethiopian garb, they always advance their interests - at the cost of all other peoples in Ethiopia.

Delighted by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's promise of restoring Amhara's kingship, they praised him as their messiah (Moses) of the 21st century. With his support, they organized an extremist vigilante group named Fanno and declared war of genocide and ethnic cleansing of Tigrayans, Oromos, Sidamas, Benishangul-Gumuz, etc. They marched with him to war fronts, vowing to destroy these peoples, with the goal of taking away Walkayit, Raya, Wallaga, Wallo, Shoa, Karrayyu, Dera, Metekel, etc.

Now that Abiy Ahmed failed to deliver on his promises, and signed a peace deal with the TPLF, Amhara elites have turned against him, accusing him and his government of being "ONEGAWI" (the government of Oromo Liberation Front).

Accordingly, on the recent Grand Amhara Convention held in Washington DC, from March 26-27, 2023, Amhara elites have declared that they are determined to continue with their genocidal war of ethnic cleansing against Oromos, Tigrayans, Benishangul-Gumuz, etc. - spoiling the peace deal.

Although we recognize the right of the Amhara people to organize, we strongly condemn and reject the disrespect, arrogance, and vicious attacks of the Amhara elites against the Oromo people, and others. The declaration of the Amhara convention is full of falsehoods, distortions, fabrications, confusions, lies and self-serving interpretations of history.

1. Lies, falsehoods, distortions, fabrications and confusions:

The convention of the Amhara elites declares that Abiy Ahmed's government is the government of the OLF ("ONEGAWI" government). This is an absolute lie. The truth is that:

- 1.1 Prime minister Abiy Ahmed is fully supported by Amhara elites to fight against the OLF, the TPLF and other liberation organizations.
- 1.2 All offices of the OLF are closed by Abiy Ahmed's PP government; this is a government fully supported by Amhara elites, the authors and leaders of [Vision Ethiopia](#) themselves.
- 1.3 Almost all top leaders of the OLF are imprisoned by Abiy Ahmed's PP government and are languishing in the prisons - to satisfy the demands of Amhara elites.

- 1.4 The remaining OLF leaders, members and supporters are forced to join the Oromo Liberation Army - and are fighting against the brutal PP government of Abiy Ahmed.
- 1.5 Abiy Ahmed, who is fully supported by Amhara elites, has failed to deliver his promise of restoring Amhara kingship, hence forced to sit for peaceful negotiations and resolution of political issues.
- 1.6 Now that Abiy Ahmed has failed to fulfill the genocidal war of ethnic cleansing targeting the Oromo, Tigrayans, etc, the seemingly shocked and woefully disappointed Amhara elites have resorted to character assassination, misinformation, distortions of facts and creation of confusion to attack the OLF and the Oromo public by misusing Abiy Ahmed's Oromo identity.

2. The arrogance of Amhara elites and their self-serving interpretations of history:

At the recent Grand Amhara Convention, Amhara elites were conflating their creating of the Ethiopian empire state and confirmed that they imposed their rule on the rest of the populations in Ethiopia. On the other hand, they accuse the Oromo nation as a 'newcomer', a conqueror of Amhara lands, and the oppressor of Amhara people. This argument is borne out of an attempt to erase the history of all other peoples in Ethiopia - an utter arrogance of Amhara elites. In their argument, they still prefer to call the great Oromo nation 'Galla' - a derogatory term ancestors of the present Amhara elites invented to dehumanize and derogate the Oromo people. While rejecting the arrogance and self-serving contradictory historical interpretations of Amhara elites, we would like to set the record straight.

- 2.1 There is no single nation in the Horn of Africa which called/calls itself 'Galla'. Such a people exist only in the minds of the ignorant and arrogant Amhara elites. The term was fabricated, disseminated and used by Amhara elites to dehumanize the Oromo people.
- 2.2 The arrogance of Amhara elites, their deliberate distortions of other people's history, and falsehoods shall never serve the interest of the Amhara people, nor does it align with the universal principles of justice, peace, security, stability, and development of a nation.
- 2.3 Amhara elites vow to violently take away the lands of Oromos, Tigrayans, Benishangul-Gumuz etc, such as Walqayit, Raya, Metekel, Wallaga, Shoa, Dera, Addis Ababa (Finfinnee) etc. These lands always belong to their original owners, not to the Amhara. We warn that any violent attempt to illegally grab these lands from the original owners would be highly costly for the Amhara people - if not for the Amhara elites who trade in the name of the poor Amhara population.
- 2.4 The selfishness and expansionist delusion of Amhara elites have led to the devastating genocidal war in Tigray, and the invasion of bordering towns and villages of Oromia and Benishangul-Gumuz, etc. While we strongly condemn and reject the Amhara elite's expansionist delusion, we call upon all peoples in Ethiopia to stand against this madness and resolve contending issues through globally accepted principles of democratic self-determination and self-rule.
- 2.5 All attempts of Amhara elites that aim to dehumanize, demonize, despise, derogate, defame, and destroy the history and territories of other peoples shall only contribute to the continuation of the ongoing devastating war of genocide and ethnic cleansing in Ethiopia. Hence, we call upon the international community to monitor the madness of Amhara elites and hold them accountable for their words and actions.
- 2.6 Over the last four years, the PP government of Abiy Ahmed has been ideologically promoting the interests of Amhara elites. In an unbelievable turn of events, as things stand today, the

Amhara elites are now accusing Abiy Ahmed and his government for being “ONEGAWI” government, which deserves an immediate removal from Menilik’s palace via all sorts of violence and other means - making Finfinnee as their strategic center of violence. We call upon the Oromo people to protect themselves and their cities (Finfinnee and others) against the violent Amhara elites vowing to cause havoc and chaos by setting hellfire on Finfinnee. Simultaneously, we would like to remind Abiy Ahmed and his government to fully dissociate themselves from these hooligans and hold them accountable for dehumanizing and attacking the very identity of the Oromo nation (Oromummaa).

- 2.7 Last but not least, we would like to underscore that we fully reject Amhara elites’ chauvinism, their patronizing behaviours, and underserved self-appointed guardianship of the Ethiopian State.

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1. Advocacy4Oromia
2. Bilal Oromo Dawa Center
3. Canaan Oromo Evangelical Church
4. Charismatic International Fellowship Church
5. DMV Oromo Islamic Center
6. Finfinne News Network
7. Gaadisa Sabboontottaa KP
8. Global Gumii Oromia
9. Global Oromo Inter-Faith Council
10. Gurmuu Baha Oromiyaa
11. Gurmuu Hawaasa Oromoo Sweden
12. Global Oromo Communities Association
13. Global Waaqeffannaa Council
14. Gurmuu Hayyoota Oromoo
15. Hegeree News Network
16. Horn of Africa Genocide Watch
17. Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa
18. Jabdu:Oromo-American Women’s Council
19. JIRRA Permanent Humanitarian Fund for Oromos
20. Mana Kiristaanaa Fayyisaa Addunyaa
21. Macca & Tulama Association
22. Network of Oromo Studies
23. Oromo Community of Arizona
24. Oromo Community of Washington DC, DMV
25. Oromo Community of Minnesota
26. Oromo Community of UK
27. Oromo Community Organization of Pennsylvania
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30. Oromo Community of Oslo
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32. Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society
33. Oromo Human Rights and Relief Organization
34. Oromo Human Rights Organization
35. Oromo Professionals Group
36. Oromo Relief Organization, ORA in USA
37. Oromo Scholars and Professionals Group

38. Oromo Seniors Welfare & Benevolent Association In Victoria (OSWBAV) Inc.
39. Oromo Society of Science and Technology
40. Oromia Support Group
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45. Tawfiq Islamic Center
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