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The Hon Daniel Andrew (Premier)

Office of the Premier

1 Treasury Place

Melbourne, 3002, Victoria, Australia

Dear Premier,

Ref: the current political situation of Ethiopia

The Ethiopian Community in Victoria expresses its grim dismay and absolutely outraged concerning the TPLF/EPLDF regime's unceasing killing, clampdown protesters, enforced eviction and reign of terror : (1) since Mid November 2015, the ongoing summarily killings, mass detention and enforced disappearances of the Ethiopian Oromo ethnic students by the Ethiopian tyrant regime's forces ; while protesting peacefully for being evicted from their residential locations - the surrounding areas of Addis Abeba (2) 1December 2015, the police indiscriminately gun down around 17 prisoners and wounded hundreds inmates in Gondar while escaping from alighted prison (3) 27 October 2015, the regime's clandestine hit squads, murdered 6 civilians from 'Amhara ethnic' in Gondar city (4) 18 November 2015, the regime's clandestine hit squads slaughtered 8 civilians from the 'Kemant ethnic' in Gondar city (5) in Gondar region ,North West of Ethiopia , the regime enforcedly and endlessly evicting and displacing indigenous Ethiopian farmers from their ancestral domain, for that the

land they inhabited is transferred to the Sudanese government (6) in South West region of Ethiopia, the regime forcefully and unstoppably evicting and displacing the indigenous

Gambella inhabitants from their ancestral land for lease for investors (7) around the end of January 2016, about 50 Agnuaks have been exterminated by the joint forces of the Tigraye People Liberation Front (TPLF), the current ruling party of Ethiopia and the South Sudan rebels.

The Ethiopian Community in Victoria, staunchly and unequivocally condemn such: inhumane, injustice, sadistic and irresponsible acts!

The cause of the Oromo ethnic students uprising has been - in opposition to the regime's so called "Master plan, to expand Addis Abeba, the (capital city of Ethiopia). The tacit or the ploy purpose of the said master plan has been to distribute land for building luxurious dwelling and rental villas for the ruling class power -empowering top dogs. As a result of those continuous uprisings, 140 citizens have been killed, about 3500- 5000 are said to be imprisoned and many protesters forcibly disappeared. Among those who are killed, 17 are minors, aged between 12 – 17.

December 1/ 2015, one of the prisons of Gondar city engulfed with fire, which is one of the Ethiopia's northern regions. Nobody knows as what caused the fire. While the prisoners trying to escape for existentialism, the police frantically/madly shot killed around 17 prisoners and wounded hundreds inmates. The reason why October 27/2015 the regime's secret hit squads murdered 6 civilian from the Amhara ethnic is to portray that they are killed by (Kemant ethnic). As why November 18/2015 the regime's clandestine hit squads slaughtered 8 civilians from Kemant ethnic is to depict that they are killed by (Amhara ethnic). As these ethnic groups are strong and formidable opponents of this ruthless incumbent regime, it tries to create antagonism between these two ethnic groups as it did for the last 24 years among and between other Ethiopian ethnic groups for devious divide and rule system.

The incumbent, beastly Ethiopian ruler, gave away 800- 1000 km in length x 30- 60 km in width - Ethiopian Western front Sovereign land to the Sudanese government. In response, the Sudan government not to accommodate any anti – TPLF/EPRDF political oppositions within any Sudanese territories or to curtail any anti TPLF/EPDE political and armed movements in Sudan. That is why, many thousand indigenous or native farmers are continuously evicted and continuously displaced from their ancestral domain. Also, the despots in power, persistently and involuntarily evicts and displaces the Gambella indigenous or natives from their inalienable land. The land they inherited from their fore families, bonded to it, since immemorial time, given to foreign investors, to those who have blood link with the ruling ethnic and to the ruling ethnic cronies or accomplices. These and those who are facing constant evictions and displacements in other regions are vulnerable to : poverty, homelessness, loss of livelihood,

dispersion of family, anxiety for fear of resettlement process, fear of uncertainty for the new social and natural environments etc.. These disposes/prone to depression and other sicknesses.

The pretext for killing, criminalizing, imprisoning, arresting, torturing, prosecuting etc. Peaceful dissents and peaceful activists is that they are terrorists, using the “Anti Terrorism Proclamation of 652/2009 “ which has been denounced for being a violation of the international human rights law. “.... the wanton /perverse labelling of peaceful activists as terrorists is not only a violation of international human rights law, it also contributes to an erosion of confidence in Ethiopia`s ability to fight real terrorism. This ultimately makes our world a more dangerous place” (U N Human Rights Experts: 22 January 2016). The reason why the Ethiopian absolute dictator regime terrorising its citizens is to: silence dissents, diffuse unity, accumulate fiancé capital at the expense of citizen`s miserable life and fencing off or barricading any suspected enemies or opposition and the ultimate goal is to prolong power.

Dear the honourable Premier,

We believe that honouring and protecting: civil liberty, democratic rights, human rights, social justices etc. are your guiding principles. Hence, the Ethiopian Community in Victoria pleas to you to demand and urge the Ethiopian authority immediately and unconditionally:

- a) Stop the killing of peaceful protesters
- b) Bring those who massacred the Ethiopian Oromo ethnic students while conducting peaceful protest to justice.
- c) Bring those who gun down prisoners as they were escaping from alighted prison to trial of justice
- d) Bring those clandestine hit squads who murdered 6+8 = 14 civilians to judicial examination.
- e) Tell those enforcedly disappeared protesters and dissents where their about.
- f) Release imprisoned protesters being arrested at the event of exercising their rights to freedom of peaceful assembly, expression and protest.
- g) End evicting and displacing farmers from their inherited and born with land for the sake of ‘capital gain’
- h) Cease giving away Ethiopia`s territory to Sudan, which is the natural homeland of our forefathers - from the historical and the legal perspectives, it is our sovereign terrain
- i) Allow public space for political discourse

We will definitely overthrow the TplF ethnic centred dynasty soon

Do not stand by oppressors! Stand by the oppressed people!

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