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May Eritreans in 2008 **Throw PFDJ Dictatorship** **To the Dustbin of History**

New Year Message by ELF-RC Chairman

On behalf of the leadership and members of the ELF-RC, I am taking the opportunity of saluting and wishing Happy New Year to Eritreans victimized by the PFDJ dictatorship, and all patriots inside and outside the country who stand opposed to the regime and are struggling for change and democracy in Eritrea.

At the end of every year, many people have the habit of taking stock of their past failings and entering commitment with themselves to do much better in a New Year. These commitments are what we call New Year Resolutions.

Under normal circumstances, these personal resolutions aim to address individual problems like quitting unwanted habits. In the situation of today's Eritrea, however, our people have a serious common problem on top of their individual worries and, as such, they must agree to have a common New Year Resolution for 2008. This resolution should be nothing else but to be everyone's commitment to put his/her two cents' worth of struggle against the evil regime in Eritrea and help in establishing within 2008 a state in which law and justice reign supreme.

As far as stock-taking is concerned, there is nothing good to be said about the year just ending. The year 2007 was another year of untold suffering and injustices meted out by Isaias Afewerki and his PFDJ against the Eritrean people. The condition of our people was indescribable and, for lack of the right words, one can in short call it "a very bad situation which must not continue as it has been." It was during 2007 that the lack of peace and security climbed to their worst levels. Lawlessness, violation of human rights, further collapse of the already basic economic condition, and free-fall of social and family values added acceleration in 2007. In short, the year under review was not a better period in the life of our people for it proved to be another year of increased fear and incarceration; a year of worsened livelihood and hunger; a year of more sicknesses and deaths; a year that witnessed increasing ignorance and lack of education, a year of escalating displacement and new tragedies.

The cruelties lived Mengistu Hailemariam and his Dergue regime lasted for 17 years and ended by the joint struggle of our people. Dictator Isaias Afewerki and his PFDJ

clique are now hoping against hope to celebrate their 17th year in power within 2008. But the suffering of the entire nation is so intolerable that our people are not willing to remain under the yoke of this evil regime for more than 17 years. Everyone's hope is that this regime will not last more than 17 long years. But wishes alone cannot change situations. And that is why Eritrea requires a New Year's Resolution for 2008 from every patriot worth his/her salt.

- Members of the heroic generation of our liberation struggle era (1961-1991) who have not yet enjoyed the peace and the tranquility for which they fought are once again called upon to respond to a in order to put an end to the suffering of our people. It is time that that historic generation awakes of on 1 January 2008 and again commit itself to the people's cause.
- Similarly, the new generation in Eritrea which is subjected to forced conscription, endless incarceration, death, suffering and displacement, must be aware that it has the uppermost responsibility for change in Eritrea. A new Eritrea shall to the new generation which must make sure that it receives from the passing generation a healthy nation. Eritrea is waiting to hear its committed voice to for 2008.

In light of the worsened situation, the year 2008, than any year before it, makes it incumbent upon every political organization, group or individual already enlisted in the opposition camp to declare their respective New Year Resolve to the public that each will redouble its efforts and make tangible contribution in the struggle for change and democracy.

On its part, the ELF-RC has already voiced its pledges to the public, one of which is the following: In 2008, the ELF-RC shall dissolve itself and join other individuals, groups or organizations of similar vision and establish a broad-based political party that is expected to become a viable factor for mass struggle and play a decisive role in the transition from dictatorship to democratic rule in Eritrea.

Let each and everyone of us serve the people's cause and rebuild our nation over the ashes of the PFDJ dictatorship.

Happy New Year 2008!
Victory to our Struggle for Change!
Eternal Memory to Our Martyrs!

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