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PRESS RELEASE

On the Signing of Secession of Hostilities Agreement in the war in Northern Ethiopia

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The Eritrean National Council for Democratic Change (ENCDC) is very pleased with the signing of the “Agreement for Lasting Peace through a Permanent Cessation of Hostilities” between the Federal Government of Ethiopia and the Tigray Peoples Liberation Front (TPLF). We congratulate both parties, as well as the African Union and the mediators for this historic agreement. This is a very encouraging and brave action taken by both parties and we would like to convey our good wishes for the successful implementation of the agreement.

From the start of the conflict in Northern Ethiopia on November 3, 2020, ENCDC has been calling on the parties to resolve their differences through negotiations, not war. ENCDC has repeatedly voiced its concerns of the sufferings of the millions of innocent people in Tigray, Afar, and Amhara regions of Ethiopia, as well as the sufferings of the Eritrean people, that have been harshly impacted by this war. This including the tens of thousands of Eritrean refugees that reside in Northern Ethiopia. We are very hopeful, with the signing of this momentous secession of hostilities agreement, life-saving humanitarian assistance will reach deep inside these affected areas including the Eritrean refugees.

Though it doesn't appear there is an explicit language in the agreement that mandates the Eritrean regime's military forces, that has been at the center of this conflict, leave Ethiopian territory, we request that they withdraw from Ethiopian territory immediately. We have repeatedly condemned the Eritrean regime's involvement in this conflict, and we again demand that the regime stops its interference in Ethiopia's or any other country's internal affairs. We also demand that the Ethiopian government and the international community immediately implement the border demarcation procedures between Eritrea and Ethiopia, according to the “Algiers Peace Agreement” of December 12, 2000.

Ethiopia, Eritrea, and all nations deserve to live in peace and harmony within their people and with their neighbours. ENCDC believes in this principle and is committed to bring peace and harmony in the Horn of Africa region. Consequently, ENCDC unequivocally supports this “Agreement for Lasting Peace...” signed by the Ethiopian parties.

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