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Eritrean National Council for Democratic Change's Concerns on the Resumption and Expansion of the war in Northern Ethiopia

The Eritrean National Council for Democratic Change (ENCDC) is deeply troubled by the resumption of the war in Northern Ethiopia between the Federal Government of Ethiopia and the Regional Government of Tigray. We are equally troubled of the entrance of the Ethiopian military forces to the Eritrean sovereign territory which we are afraid is leading to the expansion of the war to Eritrea and further involvement of the Eritrea military forces. We unequivocally condemn the entrance of the Ethiopian forces to Eritrean territory, and we demand that they withdraw immediately. Eritrean sovereignty is sacrosanct, and no military forces of any foreign country or region is to enter the territory to conduct war. Furthermore, we demand that the Eritrean regime refrain from any further military intervention in the Ethiopian internal political affairs. ENCDC continues to call upon the Ethiopian Federal Government and the Tigray Regional Government to resolve their dispute through dialogue, not war.

We at ENCDC, have been voicing our concerns of the military intervention of the Eritrean regime in the war in Northern Ethiopia that started 22 months ago. We have repeatedly demanded that the Eritrean regime ceases its interventions in the war and withdraw its troops from Ethiopian territory. We have called before, and now we again call on the United Nations and the African Union to investigate any war crimes that may have been committed in the war in Tigray, the Afar region and elsewhere by any of the parties involved in this war and bring the perpetrators to the international criminal court.

The illegitimate and immoral regime in Eritrea have done great damage to Eritrea and the Eritrean society. Throughout the years, it has imposed indefinite military service on Eritrea's youth, it has been starting wars with neighboring countries, and it has imprisoned and enslaved its people. All these destructive and inhumane actions have destabilized the country, destroyed its human resources, industries, and infrastructures. There are no functioning educational, governmental, and civic institutions in Eritrea today. The Isaias Afewerki regime has been a menace to its people, and to the whole world. The peace-loving nations and people of the world should provide earnest assistance to the Eritrean people and the ENCDC in their struggle to bring an end to this dictatorial regime.

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