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Eritrean Political Forces Representative Met with US Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa Ambassador Mike Hammer

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Professor Mohammed Beshir, representing the Eritrean Political Forces (EPF), met with the US Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, Ambassador Mike Hammer, yesterday in Los Angeles, California and discussed the need for US State Department's engagement with the Eritrean political forces and other Eritrean diaspora groups. Ambassador Hammer is in Los Angeles for a variety of speaking engagements to discuss developments in Ethiopia, including implementation of the November 2, 2022, Cessation of Hostilities Agreement that ended the conflict in northern Ethiopia.

Yesterday, Ambassador Hammer spoke at the University of Southern California's (USC) Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism in front of students and various African diaspora groups, including Eritrean and Ethiopian groups. The conference was sponsored by USC Center on Public Diplomacy, in partnership with the U.S. Africa Institute.

At the conference, Ambassador Hammer discussed the various diplomatic actions the US is undertaking in Africa and gave extended discussions of the Pretoria Peace Agreement between the Federal Government of Ethiopia and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). Responding to a question by EPF representative "on the Eritrean regime's inhumane treatment of its people and its destabilizing role in the Horn of Africa," Ambassador Hammer agreed that the Eritrean regime's military interventions have been destabilizing to the Horn of Africa region and beyond, and stressed that the US and the international community are committed in assuring that the Eritrean regime will be held accountable for its military interference in the war in northern Ethiopia.

After the conference, EPF representative met with Ambassador Hammer and discussed on the need for his office's further engagement with Eritrean diaspora groups in the US. Future meeting of EPF with Ambassador Hammer's office is anticipated to occur in the very near future. EPF would like to thank Ambassador Hammer for taking time to meet with us and the US State Department for their efforts to engage the Eritrean diaspora in the US-Eritrea policy matters.

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