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GGO Press Release on the Unabated Massacre in Oromia

The Global Gumii Oromia (GGO) is organized to mobilize resources to assist Oromo victims of human rights abuses, injustices, displacements and dislocations by political and natural disasters; to create favorable environment to build awareness for sustainable development and empowerment; and to maintain, preserve and promote Oromo culture and language. GGO supports Qeerroo and Qarree-led Movement.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front/The Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front (TPLF/EPRDF) usurped power undemocratically in 1991 and established a minority tyrannical regime in Ethiopia. Since coming to power, the TPLF/EPRDF regime has been bent on the annihilation of the Oromo people through terrorism, expropriation, exploitation, mass killings, mass arrest and torture. The policies of extermination of the Oromo, the largest national group, and the expropriation of their lands have continued to date intensely.

There have been numerous killings committed all over Oromia and other parts of Ethiopia. The TPLF is continuing its killings of children, women, fathers, and mothers on the streets, refugee camps, and schools in Oromia. Tens of thousands of Oromos have been incarcerated and tortured by the TPLF regime for peacefully protesting against the regime's repression, terrorism, and gross human rights violations.

The Watar massacre in the Hararghe Zone in 1991, the Hora Arsedi Irrecha Celebration Massacre in 2016, the Chalanko massacre in 2017, the killings of Oromo children on 02/14/2018 in the streets of Dire Dawa, Walinchiti, Holota, etc are among the major crimes of atrocities committed against unarmed innocent Oromo civilians. The massacre of the displaced Oromos in Hamarresa refugee camp, the indiscriminate killings at the local markets in Mada Wallabu, Bale and in Jimma Zones during the last seven days clearly show the unabated violence of the regime with impunity.

On February 11, 2018, the TPLF/EPRDF regime's army, Agazi, in collaboration with the Somali Liyu Police entered the Hamaressa refugee camp sheltering displaced Oromo, killed 11 Oromos and wounded scores of people in the camp. Over the last 26 years, the regime has been engaging in cross border killings and kidnappings of Oromo refugees in neighboring countries: Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, and Yemen, and now raiding refugee camps and killing Oromo refugees it created.

The massacre of 30 innocent civilians in January 2018 at Orthodox Epiphany celebration in Waldia, and the cold-blooded killings at Qobboo and Marsaa, in Wollo are testimonies of the continued atrocities committed by the blood thirsty army of the TPLF/EPRDF regime. The Human Rights Watch, The US State Department, and other right groups have been reporting all these crimes against humanity every year. Yet, the regime is left unchecked; and nobody has stopped the TPLF/EPRDF from its murderous acts. We are afraid that millions of lives will perish in the hands of the TPLF's fascist army, if the regime is left unchecked.

In our previous press releases, we warned the international community that if the TPLF regime would be allowed to continue on this path, the Horn of Africa will enter into a period of crises that will destabilize not only the Horn of Africa but also will reach well beyond the region and claim the lives of millions. The inaction of the international community is getting Ethiopia close to the point of no return from a wider regional crisis, massive displacements and an imaginable human suffering. However, it is still not late to stop supporting the TPLF regime and avert the looming crises and genocide against the peoples in Ethiopia.

Therefore, we renew our call to the international community to denounce the indiscriminate killings and imprisonments, and pressure the regime to release all political prisoners and to stop mass arrests and killings of innocent people for standing up for their rights.

We would like to remind the TPLF/EPRDF regime and their supporters that indiscriminate killings and mass imprisonments can't silence the demand for rights, but make the Oromo people and other peoples in Ethiopia more resolute and united to intensify their struggle for freedom and democracy.

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