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DECLARATION OF NON-CONSENT: The African American Diaspora's Rejection of African Union Representation in Reparations and 6th Region Designation

Whereas; The African American Diaspora, rooted in the historical realities of slavery, systemic oppression, and centuries of displacement, categorically reject the African Union (AU) as a legitimate representative body for our interests in reparations discussions or as our appointed steward under the so-called "6th Region" designation.

Whereas; This document outlines the core reasons for this rejection, based on the AU's historic and ongoing failures in governance, representation, and protection of African peoples, both on the continent and abroad.

Whereas; The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated (EWF) has the historical and organizational authority to withhold consent from any such designation or misrepresentation. Established in 1937, decades prior to the founding of the AU, The EWF is recognized as an African American organization in its Articles of Incorporation and as an American institution run by two-thirds African Americans.

Whereas; The EWF held a documented membership of over 8,000,000 through filings with The League of Nations, and has long-standing spiritual, political, and cultural legitimacy within the African Diaspora.

Whereas; The AU, heavily influenced and financially dominated by the European Union (EU)—which is now considered an unfriendly entity to the EWF based on recent disclosures by the U.S. President Donald J. Trump—lacks the independence, neutrality, and moral authority to speak on behalf of the African American Diaspora and many members of the global Diaspora.

I. Failure of the AU to Uphold Human Rights and Protect African Peoples

1. **Complicity with Authoritarianism:** The AU has repeatedly failed to hold authoritarian leaders accountable. It has endorsed or remained silent on third-term power grabs, election fraud, and violent crackdowns in countries such as Uganda, Equatorial Guinea, and Cameroon.
 2. **Silence on Atrocities:**
 - In Nigeria, during the #EndSARS protests, the AU failed to respond meaningfully to the police brutality inflicted on civilians.
 - In Ethiopia, during the Tigray conflict, the AU remained passive while widespread human rights violations were reported.
 - In Cameroon, it failed to intervene in the Anglophone crisis, despite documented massacres and human rights abuses.
 3. ***Rather than supporting international mechanisms for justice, the AU has actively worked to shield accused war criminals from accountability.***
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II. Institutional Failures and Donor Dependency

4. **Foreign Financial Control:** Over 80% of the AU's operational budget is provided by external donors, including the EU and China. This compromises the AU's sovereignty and undermines its ability to represent African interests independently.

5. **Weak Institutions:** The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights lacks enforcement power, with many member states refusing to honor its rulings. The AU's civil society arm, ECOSOCC, is disconnected from grassroots voices and the diaspora.
 6. **Failure of the Peace and Security Council:** This body has proven to be reactive rather than preventive, failing to halt genocides, civil wars, and military coups in Sudan, Mali, Libya, and South Sudan.
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III. Pan-African Disunity and Exclusion of Diaspora Voices

7. **No Legitimate Diaspora Engagement:** The AU's designation of the Diaspora as the "6th Region" lacks legitimacy and accountability. No democratic process exists through which African Americans have consented to this status, nor have our many grassroots leaders or institutions been included in any meaningful decision-making.
 8. **Cultural Disconnection:** Many AU leaders have failed to acknowledge or repair the spiritual, cultural, and historical ties that the African Diaspora holds with Africa, particularly in matters related to slavery, ancestry, and restitution.
 9. **AfCFTA and Passport Promises Delayed:** The AU has failed to realize promised pan-African programs like the African passport and the African Continental Free Trade Area in a way that benefits the Diaspora or facilitates return and reintegration.
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IV. Rejection of AU Representation in Reparations Negotiations

10. **Lack of Moral Credibility:** An institution that cannot protect its own citizens cannot be entrusted to represent the Diaspora's sacred and long-standing claim for reparations.
 11. **Failure to Advance Reparative Justice on the Continent:** The AU has not pursued reparations for colonial crimes, nor has it held former colonial powers accountable for theft, genocide, and displacement.
 12. **Diaspora Must Represent Itself:** The African American Diaspora has its own cultural, political, and spiritual leadership. We assert the right to define our own terms of justice, reparation, and reintegration, independent of the AU or its affiliates.
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V. Consequences of Misrepresentation

13. **Legal Challenges and Public Campaigns:** Any attempt by the AU to speak on behalf of the African American Diaspora without documented democratic consent will be met with legal opposition, raise public awareness campaigns, sued for fraudulent misrepresentation, negligent misrepresentation, failure to follow corporate formalities, courts may even pierce the corporate veil and face international institutional pushback.

- 14. Diplomatic Obstruction:** The EWF, along with allied institutions and diaspora coalitions, will actively lobby against AU-led initiatives that claim to represent the interests of African Americans in global or regional forums.
 - 15. Exposure of Complicity:** The AU's partnerships with foreign powers like the EU—now regarded as unfriendly to EWF—will be publicly scrutinized and exposed as incompatible with the genuine interests of African-descended peoples seeking sovereignty, justice, and reunification.
 - 16. Rebuilding an Independent Diaspora Framework:** The African American Diaspora will move forward in building its own continental and international frameworks for reparations, trade, migration, and diplomacy, without AU endorsement or interference.
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Conclusion

Whereas; On behalf of the African American Diaspora, We assert our fundamental right to self-determination. We reject the African Union as our representative in any reparation dialogues and do not recognize its authority to designate us as its 6th region.

Whereas; We demand an open, democratic, and transparent platform by which the African Diaspora can represent itself in all global negotiations involving reparative justice, economic reintegration, and ancestral return.

THIS IS A DECLARATION OF NON-CONSENT, NON-ALIGNMENT AND SOVEREIGN SELF-REPRESENTATION.

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