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MTA's Statement and Appeal

RE: The Escalating Civilian Killings and Displacement Across Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia

Macha-Tulama Association (MTA), an Oromo self-help organization based in the United States, solemnly bring to the urgent attention of the international community the grave and escalating humanitarian crisis unfolding in Oromia, the largest regional state in Ethiopia. This crisis involves widespread civilian killings and the forced displacement of people throughout Oromia. MTA is compelled to raise its voice against these atrocities and implore immediate international intervention to halt the ongoing violence and help restore peace and justice in the region.

What is deeply concerning to MTA that should alarm the international community is the escalating trend of egregious violation of human rights in Oromia. Within the last month alone, in Horo-Guduru of Eastern Wallaga, in Noonno of southwestern Showa, and in Cinqas of Eastern Hararge, a mass killing of hundreds of innocent civilians and a displacement of tens of thousands took place. The perpetrators of the heinous crimes in Horo Guduru and Noonno were Fano paramilitary groups who encroached onto the territory of Oromia, rampantly murdered, maimed, and pillaged civilians. Mainly In Cinqas and along much of the Somali-Oromia border, Somali militias have been lately raiding Oromo communities and causing massive displacement.

We recognize that incidents that we have mentioned above are only the tip of the iceberg. The full scale of the atrocities and human suffering in Oromia is far greater than is it is publicly known. The international community must be aware the escalating trend of atrocities committed in Oromia and help prevent further loss of life and restore stability and justice.

The ongoing atrocities in Oromia are not only a tragedy for the Oromo people but also a profound failure of conscience at local, national, and international levels. Despite overwhelming evidence of human rights violations, there has been a distressing silence from many governments, international organizations, and human rights bodies. This silence risks enabling further abuse and signals complicity by omission.

Considering the above, we respectfully request that the following practical measures be taken immediately by international bodies, governments, and concerned stakeholders:

1. We urge the United Nations, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty international, the U.S. Department of State, and the European Union to take a principled stand and use your

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considerable influence to apply political, economic, and diplomatic pressure on the Ethiopian government. The government must be compelled to:

- Immediately cease all military operations across Oromia and resolve political issues through dialogue and peaceful means.
 - Protect Oromo civilians from the Amhara Fano and Somali armed groups waging war against the civilians.
 - Facilitate the safe return of displaced persons to their homes with adequate protection and humanitarian assistance.
 - Support transparent investigations into human rights violations and hold perpetrators accountable.
2. We call on the Oromo community in the diaspora to unite and in one voice condemn the paramilitary groups crossing into Oromia and terrorizing the Oromo people, and provide moral and financial support to victims and displaced families.
 3. We urge the government of Ethiopia and the Oromia Regional State not to turn a blind eye to the ongoing crimes being committed against the Oromo people but protect them responsibly.
 4. We appeal to Oromo media outlets, non-governmental organizations, religious leaders, and civil society to amplify the voices of the victims and advocate for their rights and dignity.
 5. We call upon international human rights organizations to intensify monitoring, reporting, and humanitarian efforts.
 6. We appeal to the World Health Organization to address the urgent health needs of displaced populations suffering from inadequate access to medical care, nutrition, and sanitation.

The people of Oromia deserve to live free from fear, violence, and oppression. The protection of human life and the promotion of peace must be prioritized above all else. MTA stands in solidarity with those affected by this crisis and call upon the global community to act swiftly and decisively.

We thank you for your attention to this pressing issue and hope for your immediate and sustained engagement to alleviate the suffering of the Oromo people and restore peace and justice in Oromia.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee
MTA USA Inc.