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Attention to:

The Ministry of Defense

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Relevant Export Control Agency

Embassies and Political Missions of *The Russian Federation*

Subject: URGENT DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF ARMS AND MILITARY EXPORTS TO ETHIOPIA DUE TO DOCUMENTED USE IN WAR CRIMES AND SYSTEMATIC VIOLENCE AGAINST AMHARA CIVILIANS

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is submitted by **London Fano Community Interest Company (CIC)**, a legally registered UK-based human rights and advocacy organization representing the Amhara diaspora. We write with profound and urgent concern regarding your country's pivotal role as a major supplier of military equipment to the Government of Ethiopia (GoE), despite irrefutable evidence of its use in grave human rights violations.

We note that Ethiopia has received major arms from at least five countries, with transfers continuing even after Western nations and the US ceased supplies in 2020 following the outbreak of the Tigray war. The scale of your country's supply is quantified as follows (2019–2023 import percentages):

1. **Russia:** Accounted for **46%** of Ethiopia's major arms imports.
2. **China:** Accounted for **41%** of Ethiopia's major arms imports.
3. **Turkey:** Accounted for **6.4%** of Ethiopia's major arms imports.



We remind your government that any military transfer or export of equipment to a state where there is a clear and overriding risk that the arms will be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) or gross abuses of human rights is fundamentally irresponsible and may constitute complicity in international crimes.

We have rigorously documented evidence confirming that the military platforms and equipment supplied by **your government and administration** specifically including **heavy artillery** like T-72 tanks, combat aircraft, and armed drones such as Bayraktar TB2, Wing Loong UCAVs supplied **directly or via third parties like the UAE and Iran** are being systematically utilized by the **Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) and allied forces** to commit widespread atrocities against the Amhara civilian population in the Amhara, Oromia, and Benishangul-Gumuz regions.

This is not conventional warfare; this equipment, designed for external defense, is being used to target civilian life and infrastructure as part of a campaign of ethnic cleansing and terror; being deployed for internal conflict to kill and destruct the Amhara people and their history. This contradicts any claim of internal restraint, as documented evidence, including reports to the UN, confirms:

- State-aligned forces use air power and drones against clearly civilian targets such as markets, religious gatherings, and residential homes resulting in thousands of civilian casualties forcing over 7 million Amhara children out of school due to the fear of attacks.
- The irresponsible deployment of heavy artillery and armored vehicles is resulting in the systematic destruction of essential civilian infrastructure and the perpetration of ethnic cleansing and terror against the Amhara community with over 10,000 schools and hospitals damaged.
- The military actions cause mass death, injury, and the widespread displacement of the Amhara population.

The lack of transparency in these transfers, highlighted by Ethiopia's failure to submit reports to the **UN Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA) since 1997** and the non-reporting practices of some supplier nations, only deepens international concern regarding oversight and due diligence of your exports.



We demand that your government immediately implement the following verifiable actions:

1. Impose an immediate and comprehensive embargo on the export of all military equipment, components, spare parts, and dual-use technology to the Government of Ethiopia.
2. Initiate an independent review of all existing military contracts to assess the end-use and end-user accountability, ensuring that no future transfers are approved while the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) uses its military for internal suppression.
3. Be aware that the documented misuse of your supplied weapons in atrocities against the Amhara people is being recorded and will be subject to thorough review by international justice mechanisms and bodies like UNROCA when transparency is eventually restored. Your government's continuous supply, knowing the documented pattern of misuse, may be subject to future legal scrutiny regarding complicity in these crimes.

London Fano CIC urges your government to stand on the side of human rights and immediately halt all military support that fuels the killing and destruction of the Amhara people. We await your prompt response and confirmation of action.

Thank you for your time and diligent consideration of this critical matter.

Sincerely,



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