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ATTENTION:

AMBASSADOR WARREN A. STEPHENS

The Ambassador of the United States of America

Embassy of the United States

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**SUBJECT: URGENT APPEAL REGARDING SYSTEMIC WAR CRIMES, DRONE WARFARE, AND THE
GENOCIDAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMHARA CIVILIANS IN ETHIOPIA**

Excellency,

London Fano Community Interest Company (CIC), a leading advocacy organization for the Amhara diaspora in the United Kingdom, submits this formal appeal ahead of our planned peaceful demonstration at your mission on February 18, 2026. We write to urge the United States government to leverage its significant diplomatic and strategic influence to halt the escalating atrocities perpetrated by the Abiy Ahmed administration and the Oromo-led military leadership of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF).



While the international community has largely remained silent, the Amhara people are facing an existential threat. The World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2025 ranks Ethiopia near the bottom globally in Fundamental Rights (138th) and Order and Security (131st). These are not merely statistics; they represent a state-sponsored environment of impunity where Amhara civilians are targeted with high-tech drone warfare, extrajudicial killings, and mass displacements. Currently, over 28.6 million Ethiopians require urgent humanitarian assistance, yet aid is being weaponized and access to the Amhara region is systematically restricted by federal forces.

We bring the following critical concerns to your immediate attention:

- 1. Escalating Drone Warfare against Civilians:** The ENDF has shifted from traditional combat to a "campaign of terror" using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). Recent documented strikes, such as the massacre in Gedeb (April 2025) which claimed over 100 lives and the strikes in Gerchech (October 2024), demonstrate a pattern of targeting schools, markets, and ambulances. These are grave violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL).
- 2. Systemic Repression and Arbitrary Detention:** The "Command Post" system has effectively institutionalized a state of emergency. As of late 2025, thousands of Amhara intellectuals, journalists, and civic leaders remain in military camps (such as Awash Arba) without trial. This is a deliberate attempt to decapitate Amhara civil society ahead of the scheduled 2026 General Elections.
- 3. The Illegitimacy of the National Dialogue:** The Ethiopian National Dialogue Commission (NDC) has been widely rejected by both domestic opposition and the global diaspora as a "government-managed charade." There can be no genuine reconciliation while the Amhara people are excluded from the process, and their representatives are silenced in prison.

Our Demands to the United States Government:

- **Public Condemnation:** We request that the U.S. Department of State publicly acknowledge and condemn the targeted genocidal campaign against the Amhara people.
- **Strategic Leverage:** We urge the U.S. to use its influence within the UN and AU to demand an immediate cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of ENDF forces from civilian centers in the Amhara region.



- **Military and Security Review:** We call for a strict embargo on any technical or financial support that facilitates the Ethiopian government's domestic drone program and internal surveillance.
- **Humanitarian Intervention:** Support the establishment of independent international investigations into war crimes committed since the state of emergency was declared in the Amhara region since August 2023.
- **Unfettered Humanitarian Access:** Pressure the Ethiopian government to lift the de facto blockade on the Amhara region to allow life-saving aid to reach millions facing starvation and displacement.

The United States has historically stood as a defender of human rights. Today, the Amhara people look to your leadership to ensure that "Never Again" applies to them as well. Silence in the face of these documented atrocities is interpreted as complicity by the victims.

We kindly request a formal acknowledgment of this letter and look forward to your government taking decisive action to save lives and restore justice in Ethiopia.

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

Sincerely,



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