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To:

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)
King Charles Street
London SW1A 2AH

Subject: <u>URGENT: FCDO Action Required on Amhara Crisis & War Crimes in Ethiopia</u>

Dear Sir/Madam,

London Fano (CIC) serves as a dedicated voice for the voiceless Amhara community in Ethiopia. We write to express our profound concern regarding the escalating and catastrophic humanitarian and human rights crisis engulfing Ethiopia, particularly within the Amhara region. This crisis, driven by a combination of ongoing conflict, severe drought, and economic instability, has tragically positioned Ethiopia as one of the world's most dire humanitarian emergencies. The situation demands immediate and decisive action. Over 28.6 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in 2025 (UNOCHA), with widespread displacement, severe food insecurity, and critical health emergencies being major concerns.

The Catastrophic Situation in the Amhara Region is not merely a consequence of natural disaster but is fundamentally driven by conflict and gross violations of human rights perpetrated by the Ethiopian government's joint forces. We highlight the following:

- 1. The government's campaign has resulted in numerous atrocities. The Amhara Association of America (AAA) report covering September 15th to 21st, 2025, documented battle events and rights violations in over 39 woreda/city administrations across 10 zonal administrations. This includes indiscriminate shelling, targeted killings, and the use of excessive force against civilians in Amhara Region.
- 2. Thousands of Amhara civilians, including activists, journalists, and youth, are being arbitrarily detained and held in inhumane conditions without any legal due process or access to representation. These reports raise serious human rights concerns that require urgent scrutiny.

3. The conflict has created vast areas inaccessible to humanitarian aid, exacerbating severe food insecurity and leading to critical health emergencies. This weaponization of starvation and essential services constitutes a grave violation of international humanitarian law.

Call for Urgent FCDO Intervention

In conjunction with the planned peaceful demonstration taking place outside 10 Downing Street on Tuesday September 30, 2025, we urge the FCDO to take the following immediate, intensified actions:

- Publicly condemn the targeting of Amhara civilians and demand the Ethiopian government cease all military operations that endanger the protection of civilians.
- Demand and facilitate immediate, unfettered access for national and international humanitarian actors to deliver life-saving aid to all affected populations.
- Support independent investigations into allegations of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and ethnic cleansing against the Amhara people. Ensure all perpetrators, including responsible regional and federal government authorities, are brought to justice.
- Continue UK leadership in supporting genuine peace efforts that address the root causes of the conflict.
- Scrutinize all funding and engagement to ensure it does not inadvertently contribute to human rights abuses against the Amhara people or other communities.

The unwavering love and resilience of the Amhara people, amidst unimaginable suffering, call for decisive international intervention. We believe that sustained UK leadership and concerted global action are crucial to halting the violence, alleviating the humanitarian crisis, and fostering a path towards lasting peace and justice in Ethiopia.

Thank you for your urgent consideration of this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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