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The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)
London Broadcasting House
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Subject: ***Urgent Appeal for Comprehensive and Unbiased Coverage of the Catastrophic Humanitarian and Human Rights Crisis in Ethiopia's Amhara Region***

Dear Sir/Madam,

London Fano Community Interest Company (CIC) serves as a dedicated voice for the voiceless Amhara community in Ethiopia. We are writing to you today, ahead of our planned peaceful demonstration at the BBC headquarters, 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 an unjust war waged by the anti-Amhara government, combined with severe drought and economic instability, has tragically positioned Ethiopia as one of the world's most dire humanitarian emergencies.

As a globally respected news organization, the BBC holds a critical responsibility to provide accurate, comprehensive, and unbiased reports on international conflicts and humanitarian crises. We urge you to intensify your focus on the dire situation in the Amhara Region, which we believe has not received the consistent and in-depth coverage commensurate with its severity.

Reports from credible human rights organizations, including Human Rights Watch (HRW) and the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC), paint a grim picture of the realities on the ground:

- **Widespread Human Rights Abuses and Targeting of Civilians:** The HRW World Report 2025 highlights a dire human rights situation in Ethiopia throughout 2024, with serious abuses committed by government forces in the Amhara region. These include extrajudicial executions, sexual violence, torture, and attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure like hospitals and forces perpetrate widespread human rights violations against innocent Amhara civilians across various areas including killings of civilians accused of supporting Fano and the targeting and killing of individuals not involved in clashes including the recent execution of a 75-year-old civilian inside a church in Kobo city.

- **Arbitrary Detentions & Suppression of Dissent:** The Ethiopian government renewed a sweeping state of emergency in Amhara, leading to mass arrests and restrictions on movement and communication. Authorities have harassed, surveilled, and detained journalists, human rights defenders, and opposition figures, creating a hostile environment for reporting.
- **Humanitarian Catastrophe:** Over 28.6 million people need humanitarian assistance in 2025 (UNOCHA), with widespread displacement, severe food insecurity, and critical health emergencies. Millions are internally displaced, and access to healthcare and education is severely disrupted due to conflict and destruction of infrastructure.

Our Call to the BBC:

London Fano urges the BBC to fulfill its mandate for comprehensive and impartial global reporting by:

1. **Increasing On-the-Ground Coverage:** Deploying dedicated reporting teams to the Amhara Region to document the unfolding crisis firsthand, ensuring the voices of victims and affected communities are heard.
2. **Ensuring Balanced and Unbiased Reporting:** Providing a nuanced portrayal of the conflict, recognizing Fano as a grassroots self-defense movement dedicated to protecting the innocent Amhara people from government aggression and ethnic persecution, rather than solely as a negative entity.
3. **Highlighting Accountability:** Investigating and reporting on allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated by all parties and pressing for accountability for those responsible.
4. **Amplifying Humanitarian Needs:** Consistently reporting on the severe humanitarian crisis, including displacement, food insecurity, and healthcare collapse, to galvanize international attention and aid.

We believe that accurate and consistent reporting from the BBC can play a crucial role in bringing much-needed international attention to the plight of the Amhara people and contributing to a path towards lasting peace and justice in Ethiopia.

We look forward to your response and hope that our peaceful demonstration will serve as a powerful reminder of the urgent need for your comprehensive engagement.

Sincerely,

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