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To:

The Africa Directorate Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)

King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH

United Kingdom

SUBJECT: ***Urgent Appeal for UK Intervention on Systematic Gender-Based Violence Against Amhara Civilians***

Dear Director/Head of the Africa Desk,

This letter serves as formal notification that the **London Fano Community Interest Company (CIC)**, a legally registered advocacy organization in the UK, will be holding a **peaceful public demonstration** on **Sunday, October 26, 2025**.

The demonstration will take place in central London, and its purpose is to raise urgent international awareness regarding the rapidly deteriorating security and humanitarian crisis facing the Amhara population in Ethiopia.

Our peaceful action is compelled by mounting rigorously documented evidence of grave human rights violations, specifically the **systematic use of mutilation and gender-based violence (GBV)** as a weapon of war against Amhara civilians, mothers, and children by state-aligned forces.



The recent, horrific case of 19-year-old Bealem Wasse in West Gojjam, who suffered a barbaric act of mutilation after capture, exemplifies this escalating pattern of gender-based violence intended to terrorise and ethnically cleanse. This atrocity is not an isolated incident but a clear indication of a deliberate, systematic campaign that meets the threshold of a **war crime** and potentially a **crime against humanity**.

We urgently call upon the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) to leverage its diplomatic influence and policy tools to address this crisis with the following immediate actions:

1. Issue a public statement condemning the specific use of gender-based violence and mutilation against Amhara civilians and demanding immediate cessation of hostilities and the protection of women and children in the Amhara region.
2. Champion the establishment of an immediate, independent international fact-finding mission or investigation (under the auspices of the UN Human Rights Council) with specific focus on **gender-based ethnic violence** in the region.
3. Conduct an urgent review of all UK and multilateral development funding directed toward the Ethiopian government to ensure no UK aid directly or indirectly contributes to the institutional environment that enables these atrocities.

London Fano CIC remains committed to peaceful, fact-driven advocacy as the only path toward justice. We trust that the UK, a global leader in human rights, will give this urgent matter the grave attention it requires.

We are available for a meeting with FCDO officials at your earliest convenience to provide further verified documentation.

Sincerely,



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