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H.E. President Esayas Afewrki  
President of the Government of Eritrea  
Asmara  
Eritrea

Subject: - An Appeal for the Human Right Observance and the Release from Prison of Members of former Ethiopian Armed Forces Found in Eritrea

We members of the former Ethiopian armed forces; ensembles of the ground force, the air force, the naval force, the police, the militia and the national army currently found around the world and living in asylum, at the outset and humbly inform your Excellency; having embraced unprejudiced eight-point human rights observance objectives, on May 28, 2014 that we had established an association known as the Former Ethiopian Armed Forces Worldwide Organization. To be able to operate in the United States, as a none-profit and service providing entity, we have herewith attached the official document issued to us proving our official establishment and our legitimacy.

As Your Excellency know that the defense force of any country is drawn from amongst the people and its members are affinities of the society and its objective is protecting the territorial boundaries, the sea gates and air space of the country by making the necessary scarifies in sweat and blood with the directive provided to it by the then or current leaders or by the government.

We also members of the former Ethiopian defense force in our country Ethiopia formerly during the reign of Emperor Haile Selassie I, afterwards during the regime of the army having been recruited from amongst the society and based on the gallantry handed over to us from our forebears, without discriminating against any or alienating with government until this defense force was dispersed by the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) in 1991, it is evident that we had remained protecting the territorial boundaries, the sea gates and the air space of our country.

However, the war that was fought between the two brotherly peoples for more than 30 years had forced hundreds of thousands to pay sacrifice. In 1991 before EPRDF controlled



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Ethiopia and EPLF controlled Eritrea, the army with the instruction it received from its own high level commanders having laid its arms to surrender peacefully to the TPLF army, after it peacefully did so, it is evident and ascertained with proof that militants of the peoples liberation front in a condition that violated the Geneva Convention had killed and tortured hundred thousand empty-handed members of the former army.

Above this, those that escaped death numbering in thousands (some of whom we know by name and with proof) for the past 23 years and until now that is it is also known by Your Excellency their languishing in the desert prisons of Eritrea. It will be recalled that Mrs Yehararwerk Gashaw, an External Relations and Human Rights Ambassador in the organization we now have established, and who resides in Dallas, TX a model, actress, film producer and an activists having come to Eritrea and appearing in person at your office had pleaded for members of the former armed forces to receive assistance and to be released from prison.

Honorable President!

1. These former members of the army and our hero brothers like any defense member with the instruction given to them from their higher commanders of the country except protecting the territorial boundaries, the sea gates and air space of their country as a soldier, as a private (none-commissioned) as an officer except parting with their professional obligation bestowed upon them have committed no sin or crime
2. In our part, it is evident that during the 30-year long war fought by the brotherly people of the two countries and based on the Geneva convention we used to handle properly the hundred thousand members of the EPLF army and providing them care we were freely letting them go and join their family members (knowing well that some of them would re-join the army and fight/ and that Your Excellency and the people of Eritrea also know about this issue) which is substantiated with evidence
3. As it is not a new phenomenon and historically true that in battles fought including in different countries for example in Somalia, Vietnam, Korea, Palestine, Israel that based on the Geneva Convention an army that has become a victim or that surrendered would be made to return to his or country



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4. Since until now for the past 23 years an ill which is not perpetrated against human beings is being inflicted against our heroes

Your Excellency!

We plead for Your Excellency to release all the prisoners with love and not with anger with compassion and not with resentment by considering it a human rights issue so that they will join their families and receive medical care in so doing that you will also prove your humanitarian gesture.

The affinity of the Eritrean and the Ethiopian Peoples will last forever!!!

Captain Ashebir Gebre

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Chairman of Former Ethiopian Armed Forces Worldwide Organization

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- His Excellency Mr. Barak Obama  
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- H.E. Mr. Joe Biden  
Vice President of the United States of America
- H.E. Ban Ki-Moon Secretary General of the United Nations
- H.E DR. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Secretary of the African Union
- The United Nations Refugee Commission
- Amnesty International
- International Red Cross
- Human Rights Watch
- Mrs. Yehararwerk Gashaw  
Human Rights and Foreign Relations Ambassador  
Former Ethiopian Armed Forces Worldwide Organization
- Members of the Former Ethiopian Armed Forces found around the world



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