

Resolutions of Eritreans Residing in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area

Today February 24, 2013, we Eritrean residents of the Washington, DC metropolitan area had a public meeting with representatives of the Embassy of the State of Eritrea. The Embassy of Eritrea representatives provided an in depth report on the current political, diplomatic, economic and social developments in Eritrea, which was followed by candid exchange of ideas.

After carefully analyzing the machinations of the Ethiopian regime and its enablers, who continue to provide cover for its evil designs, which include creating chaos, pitting one sector of the Eritrean public against another, engaging in a disinformation and vilification campaign against the Eritrean government and the People's Front for Democracy and Justice. All these are aimed at derailing Eritrea's steady progress of reconstruction and economic development.

After thoroughly understanding the development plans and policies being taken by the people and government of Eritrea, to secure a peaceful, stable, and prosperous Eritrea:

- **First**, we strongly condemn all the armchair analysts and pseudo experts and enemies of the people and State of Eritrea that are engaged in a campaign of psychological warfare that is aimed at eroding the unity and harmony of the people, are attempting to make a mountain out of a molehill and are busy in creating fictitious drama and scenarios of non-existent events.

After telling them to “back off” of Eritrea's internal affairs, we affirm our continuous support to our people and government and we are ready to challenge all those who are attempting to peddle chaos.

- **Second**, we praise the self-reliant efforts the people and government have undertaken to put Eritrea on a bright and promising road for sustainable economic development. We also express our readiness to contribute our fair share to ensure Eritrea's path towards economic development is secure.

At the same time we condemn the evil campaign of those elements who refuse to accept the inevitable, the existence of a stable and economically developed Eritrea, and all those who are campaigning for Eritrea's economic encirclement and strangulation.

- **Third**, we support the admirable efforts that the government of Eritrea is undertaking for the sake of regional peace and its vision of harmonious coexistence and cooperation with its neighbors. We also call on the Ethiopian regime who has shown little or no interest in peace and good neighborliness, has refused to respect international laws and honor its treaty obligations, the final and binding demarcation decision of the Eritrea Ethiopia Boundary Commission (EEBC), and has been working for chaos

and turmoil in the Horn of Africa, to unconditionally vacate from sovereign Eritrean territories.

- **Fourth**, we call upon the UN Security Council to lift the unjust sanctions that were imposed on the people Eritrea, which were based on unsubstantiated allegations and fabrications, without any further delay.
- **Fifth**, We condemn the latest maneuvers in Geneva by those who say they are concerned about human rights, and those who are trying to blame the Eritrean government when in fact they are the very ones responsible for the human trafficking and the appalling plight of Eritrean youth in the Sahara and Sinai deserts. We hail the Government of Eritrea's relentless efforts, within the bounds of international law, to protect and defend the rights of its citizens wherever they might be, to alleviate their suffering.
- **Sixth**, as Eritrean-Americans we support the repeated calls of the Eritrean government for a constructive engagement with the United States of America and we call upon President Obama's Administration to take a sober analysis of its policies in the Horn of Africa and work for the interest of the two peoples that have a lot in common, who would benefit the most from peace and security in the region.

Finally, we condemn all the mercenary hooligans, criminals and social misfits who are engaged in all sorts of illegal activities in the name of "democracy", "religion", or "human rights", who are violating the rights of the Eritrean Diaspora by committing crimes such as vandalizing Eritrean Embassies, community centers and terrorizing the women and the elderly. We warn them to cease and desist and we promise we will challenge their illegal activities and will do whatever it takes to hold them accountable.