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To Whom It May Concern:

(Address of the recipient)

Who is really fueling the Ethiopian aggression against Eritrean sovereignty, which has caused pain and suffering to millions of Eritreans?

Re: Petition

To Whom It May Concern: (name and title of the recipient)

We the Eritrean Americans community of San Jose in the greater bay area, with all the 400 plus signatures attached, have formed the basis of this petition, written by inner consul of our community. All members who have signed this petition have reviewed and agreed in solidarity with one resounding voice and we are in full agreement with the content and purpose of this petition which has culminated and set forth as follows: This letter outlines our community's great concern the acts of aggression committed by Ethiopia on March 15, 2012 as claimed by the aggressor, Ethiopia, against the State of Eritrea. We urge your intervention by stopping further acts of aggression. We are understandably appalled by such brazen acts in violation of International laws that establish the sanctity of the borders and sovereignty of Eritrea. We are equally appalled by the little or no reaction to the acts on the part of the International Community.

It has been ten (10) years since the Eritrea-Ethiopia Border Commission (EEBC) delivered the “final and binding” delimitation verdict on April 13, 2002 following a very thorough and long legal winded process. The International Agreement, which contained the details and terms of the verdict, was signed between and by the two parties in the presence of representatives of the following bodies and nations: UN, EU, AU, USA, Nigeria, and Algeria. These representatives were not only witnesses to that historic ceremony, but they were also played the role of guarantors of the agreement. The border has been virtually delimited with all parties having possession of the maps. However, the actual placement of pillars border markers has not been done due to Ethiopia’s deliberate and unwarranted intransigence and ubiquitous non compliance. The failure on the part of Ethiopia, to abide by the law and take whatever measures the agreement stipulated is definitely the contributing factor to the impasse that we have to date.

After the Eritrea-Ethiopia Border Commission (EEBC) verdict, the peace loving people of Eritrea and Ethiopia had welcomed with whole heart the end of the tragic border war and they were looking forward into a future wherein both nations could and would return to normalcy and coexist peacefully once and for all. This hope is constantly has been dashed by the subversive acts of Ethiopia and its financial backers confirmed and evidenced by the recent acts of Ethiopian aggression. The status queue must be changed and the impasse caused by Ethiopia and its financial backing from the U.S. tax payer’s must stop sooner rather than later. Failure to act now will decisively lead to further escalation of the current tensions and yet another avoidable unnecessary unjustified disastrous war.

The border remains still not demarcated and the two countries are at the brink of yet another tragic war. The refusal of Ethiopia to respect International law and with the financial aid of the U.S. tax payer’s money has contributed to Ethiopia’s lawlessness. Eritrea is showing unprecedented restraint, while Ethiopia still continuous to occupy sovereign Eritrean land. Ethiopia’s lawlessness has been justified by its admittance that it had attacked Eritrean three (3) Military Posts within eighteen (18) km inside Eritrean land under the guise of hunting down Ethiopian rebels. Additionally, Ethiopia has openly declared to doing everything within its means to overthrow the current legitimate Eritrean Government. This dangerous and reckless act has to be unequivocally condemned by all peace loving people, political activists and nations collectively. The people of Eritrea and Ethiopia in particular cannot and will not afford another tragic border war again.

In February 24, 2005 the Eritrea-Ethiopia Border Commission had warned that:

“Ethiopia is not prepared to allow demarcation to continue as it is laid down in the Demarcation Directions and with time-line set forth by the commission. Now Ethiopia insists on prior “dialog” but has rejected the opportunity such “dialog” within the framework of the demarcation process provided by the commission’s proposal, they even rejected to have a meeting with the parties.

This is the latest in a series of obstructive actions taken since the summer of 2002 and belies the frequently professed acceptance by Ethiopia of the Delimitation Decision”.

The Following are the Remedies steps that need to be taken:

Since the American tax payers money has been misappropriated in its usage expressively to harm the Eritrean people Domestically and Internationally, this has led to the current U.N Security Council Sanction Resolutions 1907 (2009) and 2023 (2011). It is regrettable to see that the unknowing U.S. tax payer’s money has been currently used to heavily build up Ethiopian Military war machine, but the money was supposed to be invested in human Economic and wellbeing of the Ethiopian people, not to be misused in this way.

- (a) We kindly request your goodwill and your offices to facilitate for stopping the flow of all U.S. Tax payer’s money into Ethiopia and must result, in immediate cease and desist.
- (b) The U.S. and the U.N. should also repeal all the illegal, unfair and unjust Security Counsel Sanction Resolutions 1907 (2009) and 2023 (2011) imposed against the State of Eritrea.
- (c) The U. S. and the U.N. must fulfill its guarantor’s status by upholding and advocating for the immediate and unconditional removal of all Ethiopian occupying Military forces, out of the territories of the sovereign government of Eritrea, as stated by the Eritrea-Ethiopia Border Commission dated April 13, 2002.

Thank you,

Yours truly

Yemane Tsegay
Originator

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Supporting signatures attached