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Joint Declaration of The Eritrean Political Forces

Our country Eritrea achieved its independence and national sovereignty after a long and bitter struggle, during which our people made unparalleled sacrifices. However, their hopes and aspirations were dashed due to the oppressive regime that sat on the reins of power and ruled the country for decades without a constitution and in the complete absence of the rule of law. It is clear to all that the authoritarian regime is leading Eritrea toward disintegration and collapse.

As such, Eritreans have been struggling in various ways manifesting their rejection and resistance to the regime. As part of the long ongoing efforts to unify their efforts in the struggle, the organized political forces were scheduled to meet in London last March 2020 under the sponsorship of the non-profit group "Eritrean Education and Publications Trust" in UK with the aim of creating a platform for joint action under the theme of "Salvation of the People and their State." However, the key agenda items of the conference, that were interrupted due to the Covid-19 pandemic, were successfully discussed and dialogued for over two months via electronic media. The political forces are now pleased to announce to the public their agreement on coordinating their efforts on key common national issues and on the joint work of the opposition forces.

The key driving factors that necessitated reaching this coordination agreement are the following:

- The urgency of bringing together all Eritrean political forces to respond to the heightened public call for unity to remove the dictatorial regime without delay;
- Betrayals of and threats to Eritrea's sovereignty by the dictatorial regime are glaringly apparent than any time before;
- The worsening of the political and socio-economic crises caused by the failed internal and external policies of the regime are not only increasing the suffering of the nation and the exodus of its youth, but are also endangering the very continuation of the state;
- Equally worrisome and dangerous to Eritrea and its people are the fierce competitions of the regional and international powers that is prevailing in the region.

This agreement, which has been reached with earnest determination and sense of responsibility of the signatory organizations, is highly expected to be an important chapter in the struggle of the Eritrean opposition forces.

1. Objective of Coordination Process

To remove the autocratic regime and replace it with a constitutional and democratic system of governance, it is imperative that the Eritrean political forces identify key areas for joint serious actions. It has been learned from the past years' experiences that the protection and promotion of our people's unity, national sovereignty and guaranteeing human rights primarily requires common action in a unified manner. With this understanding, we are resolved to work to develop a joint strategic plan for our struggle to achieve the aspirations of our people, and to accelerate the pace towards the overthrow of the dictatorial regime.

Taking into consideration the above stated facts, the signatories of this document agree as follows:

- a) Engage in continuous dialogues, work diligently and conduct necessary studies related to the establishment of a broad political coalition of all opposition forces;
- b) At the same time, carry out joint and coordinated action plan in the various fields of struggle by forming the task forces listed below;
- c) Contribute the human and material capabilities to set up the task forces entrusted with the implementation of the agreed joint action plan;
- d) To enable the joint task forces to be effective in their areas of action, a coordinating committee shall prepare a detailed directive for implementing the joint action plan without hindrance, and the task forces are accountable to the coordinating committee.

2. Establishing the Coordination Committee and Task Forces

To face the ongoing danger to our national existence, there is a need for establishing a coordination committee to guide and administer joint operations through task forces created to act on the various fields of joint actions. To make it more effective, the Coordinating Committee will primarily consist of persons selected based on their competencies and capabilities, but also shall reflect the diversity and capacity of the constituent parties. Within this process of joint work, it is important to encourage our political forces to consider unification with organizations of similar political programs when possible.

a) Coordination Committee

The Coordination Committee shall be formed by the parties signing this agreement. Committee members shall perform their duties diligently and reach decisions through consensus. This committee is responsible to guide the actions of the task forces and shall be coordinated by its chairperson selected from among its members.

b) Task Forces

Task forces shall be formed and deployed for action immediately after this agreement is put into effect. Competence and capability are the key factors for assignment of persons to the various task forces. Their work shall be limited to their area of assignment.

c) The selected fields of action for Task Forces

1. Diplomacy
2. Media
3. Mass Mobilization
4. Intelligence and Information
5. Other areas of joint action as deemed necessary in the future.

d) Time Frame

The Coordination Committee shall be established within 30 days, and the Task Forces within 60 days as of the date of adoption of this agreement,

Names of the political coalition/front/organization

Name of Coalition/Front/Org

Signatures

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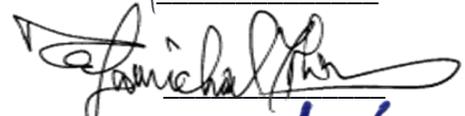
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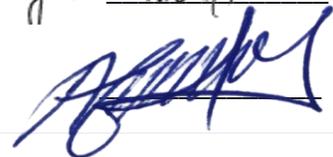
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**Long live to the Eritrean People with their rights and liberties preserved!
Death to the Dictatorial regime in Eritrea!**

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