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H.E. Jozef Sikela,  
EU Commissioner for International Partnerships

## **Open Letter**

Your Excellencies,

***Subject – An Appeal to Stop EU Appeasement and Funding of the Genocidal Regime in Ethiopia and its complicity in the Ongoing Silent Genocide in Tigray***

1. We, Mekete Tigray UK - an independent community organization of the Tigrayan diaspora in the UK - are horrified by the EU's dramatic shift in position regarding the genocidal war on Tigray and its recent statement on the current developments in Tigray and Ethiopia at large. You may recall that during the war in Tigray, mass atrocity crimes were committed against the minority nationality of Tigrayans. These crimes included genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. In the genocidal war on Tigray, over one million Tigrayans lost their lives, hundreds of thousands of Tigrayan women and girls were victims of weaponized sexual violence, and the economic, social, and cultural fabric of Tigray was systematically destroyed.
2. At the outset of the conflict and when the scale and horror of the genocidal war against Tigray became apparent, the EU took a principled and firm stand as expressed by the former EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs, Josep Borrell, and the EU Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa, Pekka Haavisto. The latter

testified that: **“The Ethiopian leadership told me they were going to wipe out Tigrayans back for one hundred years”** (Al Jazeera, 18 June 2021). The *European Parliament resolution of 17 June 2021 on the humanitarian and political situation in Tigray* (2021/2739(RSP)); and subsequent resolutions through 2024 strongly condemned human rights abuses, including widespread sexual violence and the use of starvation as a weapon of war. Called for unimpeded humanitarian access, withdrawal of Eritrean forces, and independent accountability mechanisms. Repeatedly demanded sanctions against responsible officials.

3. Since the signing of the Pretoria Peace Agreement in November 2022, the material conditions of Tigrayans continue to deteriorate, and it is abundantly clear that the Ethiopian regime is not interested in its implementation. On the contrary, over one million Tigrayans remain internally displaced. Tigray’s administrative and territorial autonomy has not been restored. Tigray’s economic and social infrastructure remains damaged. No single person of authority has been held to account. To make matters worse, the Ethiopian regime has reimposed economic welfare against Tigray by withholding federal budget for Tigray, stopping banking, refusing to pay wages and salaries of federal employees in Tigray, barring commodity trading in Tigray and not allowing fuel for Tigray. The belligerency of the Federal Regime is expressed by its military activities against Tigray that include drone and aerial bombardment of Tigray and the deployment of hundreds of thousands of Ethiopian troops along the entire boundary of the Tigray Region.
4. Yet, the EU not only remained silent but pursued a perverse policy of resuming direct budgetary support of the Ethiopian Regime. To make matters worse, the EU Delegation to the African Union, headed by Ms. Annette Weber, blamed the Tigrayan political leadership for the worsening situation in Tigray. This, we believe, is injustice of the highest order and, more importantly, it will encourage the Ethiopian regime to continue its belligerency and continue with its silent genocide of Tigrayans. This view of ours is supported by the Human Rights Watch, which commented on EU current policy on Ethiopia: **“EU’s Relation with Ethiopia ignores the grim human rights reality in Tigray, including the heightened repression, lack of accountability of those who committed mass atrocity crimes”** (HRW, EU Director, Phillipe Dan 22 April 2026).
5. In conclusion, we urge the EU Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and the EU Delegation in Addis Abeba to:
  - 1) grasp the realities in Tigray and refrain from becoming complicit with the ongoing silent genocide in Tigray by supporting the Abiy Regime in Addis Abeba unconditionally, and blaming the Tigray political leadership uncritically;
  - 2) to press the Abiy Regime to pursue peace and implement the Pretoria Agreement( CoHa) fully;
  - 3) demand that the Abiy regime stop its belligerency and war preparation against Tigray;
  - 4) stop disarming Tigrayans from self-defense and undermine their existential right to avert genocide a second time; and
  - 5) withhold its direct budgetary support to the Ethiopian regime until the peace plan is fully implemented and justice and accountability are secured in Tigray and Ethiopia at large.
6. Finally, we trust our concern and the plight of Tigrayans are duly considered, and the EU affirms its hitherto just and firm positions on Tigray with a view to preventing a second round of mass atrocity crimes against Tigrayans. For further information, we may be contacted at the above address.

Most respectfully,

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(Community of the Global Tigrayan Diaspora)

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The Rt Hon Lord Triesman; UK House of Lords;  
The Rt Hon Baroness Kennedy; UK House of Lords;  
H.E. Marco Rubio, US Secretary of State;  
H.E. Ervin Massinga, US Ambassador in Ethiopia  
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